

Chairman Alan Fossi on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 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 as advertised in The Times-Sun on Thursday, January 17, 2013. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Alan Fossi, Wanda Layman, and Joe Kerber. Also attending the meeting were Kathy Kerber, Linda Harvey, Joy DeClaudio, Marianne Errett, Tom Bonner, Gary Grimm, Connie Bosko, Tracy Hampshire, Ruth Lucof, Sandy Dull, Tom Lord, Joe Marincic, Kevin Waryanka, Sharon Cerne, Steve Solomon, Joe Napsha, Bob Lasser, Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, Tim Luft, Judy Janzyf, Bob Janzyf, Amber Kline, Marci Curran, Janet Schork, Dean Zimmerman, Dan Hewitt, and Paula Alcott.

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

Report from Township Coordinator, Wanda Layman

Worked on creating a Land Disturbance/Storm Water Management Permit form. A copy is in the Supervisor's mailbox. Checked with our Engineer concerning price on application form. \$500.00 is standard and we added \$50.00 for Township Processing Fee. Worked with Chevron and residents about speed of contractors driving on Waltz Mill Road. Continuing to do Dollar Energy Applications for residents. Worked with Ion GX Technology concerning their need to bond roads in Sewickley Township as well as a map of their path of travel so video can be made of roads before the permit is signed. Working on putting together a Policy and Procedure Manual for the Township. Working with MAWC concerning a major water leak at Crabapple Park. Worked on locating and getting prices on 45 degree elbows for 20" line for Rillton job. Worked with WCCC concerning a Sewickley Township Residents in their Life Long Learning Program. She would work in the Office 16 hours per week and the State pays her salary. Worked with Williams concerning a Road Occupancy Permit and Commercial Driveway Permits. Worked with trucking company about delivery schedule for tarp for salt shed.

Report for Public Works

Finished putting stone down and levelling Middlemiss Lane; prepping it for paving. Fixed a mudslide on Turner Valley Lane. Installed a french drain and fixed a shoulder on Cool Springs and Curry Roads. Worked on a major washout on McGrogan Road over 4 foot deep with gas line exposed by installing a new catch basin and cross pipe. Installed a new catch basin on Madison between Third and Fourth Streets. Paved Madison Avenue using CDBG funds. Worked on the salt shed on rain days by getting the block work done. The salt shed tarp has been delivered. Fixed broken curb on the corner of Hood and Lee Streets. Road patching in Hutchinson. Mowed some troubled spots in the Township. Checked on the road closed signs. The Rillton Storm Sewer Project is underway.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Crabapple Park: Had 14 pavilion rentals this summer. Last year we had 6 pavilion rentals. There are 2 more rentals on the schedule through October.

Crabapple 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. We had our patrons complete Surveys. Some of the requests and comments include: Staying open longer on hot days. Open more evenings. Adult Only Nights. Stay open through first week of September. Discount on night swims for season pass holders. More lounge chairs. 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 September 30 to hold their date. On October 1st, the remaining days will be open to general public. The available times/days will be posted on the sign and the website. The Recreation Center will be opening on Monday, October 14th. Recreation Board Activities: Open Gym/Public Time will start on Wednesday, November 6th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. We will have our monthly Dances starting in January. Our Annual Christmas Party will be December 8th. Landscape at Library/Recreation Center Bruno Field Sign Cleanup: Once the pool is completely shut down and winterized, Roger Anthony and the Boy Scouts will be working on cleaning up the walkway areas & weeding & general cleanup of the Bruno Field Sign. Mrs. Schork suggested as a possible Eagle Project for our Herminie Boy Scout Troop, using the Personalized Bricks in the entrance walkway at the Recreation Center. She's still waiting for one of the Boy Scouts to select that project to work on. Finally, she is waiting for a call back from Advanced Disposal Solutions (Veolia) to discuss the feasibility of a Single Stream Recycle bin at the Recreation Center for our Residents.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Dean Zimmerman

During this past month, Mr. Zimmerman has had complaints for grass and weeds, a couple cars, and one burning call. One of the properties with vegetation issues was bought at Sheriff's Sale shortly before he received the complaint. Mr. Zimmerman sent letters out and before the property was brought into compliance, it was resold. That was a turnaround of ownership of about three months which makes a difficult situation to work with. We have only had one reported incident of dumping on Township Roads since his last report. However, there were two reports of materials being dumped in the dumpsters at Crabapple Park and the Ball Fields across from the elementary school. We have ordered signs and when we get them in, they are to be erected near those dumpsters in the hope that the signs will make Residents aware that the dumpsters are not for public use. Last month, he reported that he had three summary trials scheduled for September 4th. Those cases were heard by Judge Christner, The two men who were continued from July had done enough to satisfy the Judge's instructions and were subsequently found not guilty. The third man, the one that has been to Court twice before, did not appear but was found guilty in Abstentia. Based on Mr. Zimmerman's testimony and evidence, he was given another \$500.00 fine. Of the three new cases he filed last month, two are scheduled for Summary Trials on October 4th. The third did not answer the Court's original summons and she has been sent a certified summons. Mr. Zimmerman was unable to get any information about the nine outstanding arrest warrants for his cases but, as far as he knows, none of those folks have been picked up yet.

Public Comment

Gary Grimm stated that after looking over the 2013 Budget, the budgeted amounts for the Real Estate Taxes and Earned Income Taxes are the same amount. After looking over the 2011 and 2012 budgets, he noticed that the Earned Income Taxes are higher. Why are they the same amount for 2013? Mr. Grimm then stated that with all the lawsuits going on, he would like to see everyone sit down and talk through all this instead of wasting tax payer money.

Connie Bosko spoke of the situation on Madison Avenue in front of her property. Brian met with her husband and stated that he would have the curb fixed. As of now, the curb still is not fixed. Do you know when it will be fixed? Mrs. Layman said that she would have Brian give her a call about it. Mrs. Bosko then spoke of the zoning situation on the top of the hill. She asked if the Township is pursuing changing the Ordinance and taking it to Court? Mr. Hewitt stated that the Township changed the Zoning and that is the Ordinance under dispute. That has been appealed to Court. We are now waiting for the Zoning Hearing Board to file its record. Mrs. Bosko asked why our tax dollars being used to pay for this zoning situation when Jon Turik owns the property. Mr. Hewitt explained that the Board of Supervisors is taking action in support of the Ordinance that they adopted. Mr. Turik is being represented by his own lawyer. Mrs. Bosko stated that we are wasting so many tax dollars on court issues, the problems with the Sewage Board and EMS, and now the zoning issues. When is the foolishness going to stop?

Mrs. Bosko then asked Mrs. Schork about how much money is being brought into the Recreation Center by non-residents. Mrs. Schork responded that the majority are now Sewickley Township teams. Mrs. Bosko then asked if the Township contributes to the Rec Center any more. Mrs. Schork stated that the Rec Center pays their own bills. The Township only does the major maintenance on the building. We are not operating in the red at all.

Tom Lord asked about the status of Falls Road. Mrs. Layman stated that it is taking a long time to get approval from DEP. He then asked if we can put a 25 mph speed limit on Slaughter Hollow Road. Mr. Hewitt stated that maybe an engineering study should be done and what else would be required. Mrs. Layman stated she would talk to the Engineer.

Sharon Cerne asked what is being done to get the roads completed before the winter. Mrs. Layman stated we are working as fast as we can. We've had two people off on medical leave. One will be coming back and we're not sure about the other yet. Ms. Cerne then stated that we are wasting money with the zoning issue.

Mrs. Bosko asked about the motion regarding the pension MMO. Does the Township only pay into the pension plan \$1,103 per year? Mr. Fossi said that will be addressed during the motion itself.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to table the approval of the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meetings held on the following dates:

June 20, 2012
July 18, 2012
August 15, 2012
September 19, 2012
October 17, 2012
November 14, 2012
December 19, 2012

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to table the approval of the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meetings held on the following dates:

January 7, 2013 – Reorganization Meeting
January 16, 2013

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2012 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lower Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
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Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to disburse 2012 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Premier Safety & Service, Inc. – airpacks parts and service	\$ 822.42
Premier Safety & Service, Inc. – airpacks parts and service	\$ 336.00
Premier Safety & Service, Inc. – airpacks parts and service	\$ 336.00
Denny's Tire Service – tires for attack truck	\$ 1,000.00

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise proposed Ordinance 2013-7 for consideration at the October meeting. This Ordinance will update and restate the provisions controlling the Sewickley Township Recreation Board. Solicitor Comments: Mr. Hewitt stated that the reason for this Ordinance is that no one can seem to locate the original Ordinance creating the Recreation Board. We are taking the policies and provisions they have been operating under and build them into an Ordinance so that it is on the books. This will bring it current and give them the authority under the Second Class Township Code. Sandy Dull stated that she may have a copy of the original Ordinance. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to authorize the Solicitor to proceed with steps necessary for consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 2013-8 which will bring the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regulating the method of amendment in line with the controlling state law, the Municipalities Planning Code. This will require notice to the Township Planning Commission and the Westmoreland County Planning Department before consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Solicitors Comments: The decision of the Zoning Hearing Board earlier this year agreed with the position of the Township that sections in Article 14 of the Zoning Ordinance as to how you go through the amendment process were not proper in light of the Township's Planning Code. This proposed Ordinance doesn't change any zoning classification. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to set the application fee for the Land Disturbance/Comprehensive Stormwater Management Ordinance at \$500.00. The processing fee will be \$50.00. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked if this applies to all properties or just over an acre. Mr. Hewitt clarified that it is for an acre or more. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the Kroll subdivision located on Lily Street in Lowber. This plan is taking a portion of land from an existing Lot 1 and adding it to the total area of an existing Lot 2. This change will allocate 1.132 acres to Lot 1 and .4222 acres to Lot 2. The total acreage will remain at 1.554 acres. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; 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 2013-2014 will be \$690.00 and paid in January, 2014. This is an increase of \$32.00 from the previous year. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals were received for the installation of a french drain at the Sewickley Township Recreation Center. They are as follows:

Mochar Contracting:	\$ 6,400.00
Dave Poole:	\$ 6,500.00
Kerber Contracting:	\$ 7,200.00

Mochar Contracting (adding 1" foam insulation): \$ 6,800.00

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to accept the quote for the installation of a french drain at the Sewickley Township Recreation Center to Mochar Contracting in the amount of \$6,400.00. Board Comments: Mr. Kerber asked why the Road Crew isn't doing this work. Mrs. Layman stated that we are struggling to spend the County money that was given to us and should've been spent last year. We will not get any more grants until this money is spent. Mr. Kerber asked how many tons of asphalt are they putting down a day. They should be putting down 400 ton a day. He heard the Township is only putting down 160 ton per day. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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 2013 plan cost, or the Minimum Municipal Obligation, requires an estimate of the 2013 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 2014 bill for the pension plan that must be paid by December 31, 2014. 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 \$1,103.00 and incorporate the amount into the 2014 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. Solicitor Comments: All Municipalities receive a notice annually to as to their required contribution into the State Pension Program. It is a onetime payment annually set by a formula under State guidelines. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter has been received from Rose Mikel and Dolores Cobert regarding Mrs. Cobert's invoice from Advanced Disposal Services. Mrs. Cobert is requesting that the Township Supervisors waive her garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Advanced Disposal Services due to her using a commercial dumpster owned by her neighbor. Mrs. Cobert has not used the residential garbage service from 2011.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to waive Mrs. Dolores Cobert's residential garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Advanced Disposal Services. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to allow the Township Road Crew attend the Walsh Equipment Open House on Thursday, October 3, 2013. Employees will be paid their regular hourly rate while attending this event. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; 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 7:00pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 2, 2013
Thursday, October 3, 2013
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
Tuesday, October 22, 2013
Tuesday, October 29, 2013
Wednesday, November 6, 2013
Thursday, November 14, 2013
Monday, November 18, 2013

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the following rental rates for the 2013-2014 season at the Sewickley Township Recreation Center. The season will run from October 14, 2013 to May, 2014. These rates are recommended by the Recreation Board with no increase from the previous year.

Sewickley Township Residents / Teams:	\$ 20.00 per hour
Non-Residents / Teams:	\$ 40.00 per hour
Early Bird - half paid by October 1 st	\$ 35.00 per hour
Short Term, One Day Rentals:	\$ 30.00 per hour

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to waive the large pavilion rental fee at Crabapple Park for Herminie Boy Scout Troop 259 on Saturday, September 21, 2013 with a rain day being on Saturday, October 5, 2013. They will be holding a Cub Scout Fun Day. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to allow students at HW Good Elementary to tie ribbons on the Bruno Field fence in recognition of Red Ribbon Week. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Saturday, October 26, 2013
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: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund: Checks 5628 to 5658 - \$ 38,638.10 (8/23/13)
 Checks 5659 to 5666 - \$ \$ 1,758.22 (8/27/13)
 Draft 150078 - \$ 654.08 (8/27/13)
 Drafts 150079 to 150080 - \$ 2,369.05 (8/27/13)
 Check 5667 - \$ 3,181.36 (9/3/13)
 Checks 5668 to 5675 - \$ 7,949.41 (9/4/13)
 Checks 5676 to 5694 - \$ 12,185.02 (9/10/13)
 Checks 5716 to 5736 - \$ 18,689.56 (9/17/13)
 Draft 150081 - \$ 842.24 (9/17/13)

Crabapple: Checks 4012 to 4017 - \$ 1,426.06 (8/23/13)
 Drafts 45 to 46 - \$ 2,013.17 (8/26/13)
 Checks 4018 to 4019 - \$ 2,465.32 (8/27/13)
 Checks 4020 to 4022 - \$ 622.27 (9/4/13)
 Checks 4023 to 4025 - \$ 388.29 (9/10/13)
 Checks 4026 to 4030 - \$ 4,860.21 (9/17/13)
 Draft 47 - \$ 258.47 (9/17/13)

Highway Aid: Check 421 - \$ 5,430.16 (9/4/13)

Light Districts: Draft 106 - \$ 2,702.93 (8/27/13)
 Draft 107 - \$ 486.17 (8/27/13)
 Draft 108 - \$ 548.10 (8/27/13)
 Draft 109 - \$ 213.15 (8/27/13)
 Draft 110 - \$ 2,702.93 (9/9/13)
 Draft 111 - \$ 486.17 (9/9/13)
 Draft 112 - \$ 548.10 (9/9/13)
 Draft 113 - \$ 213.15 (9/9/13)

Payroll Invoices: Checks 3226 to 3228 - \$ 981.96 (8/23/13)
 Draft 90176 - \$ 11,409.21 (8/26/13)
 Checks 3242 to 3243 - \$ 1,671.69 (8/27/13)
 Check 3245 - \$ 40.00 (9/4/13)
 Check 3248 - \$ 37.03 (9/10/13)
 Draft 90177 - \$ 821.83 (9/10/13)
 Draft 90178 - \$ 525.93 (9/10/13)
 Checks 3250 to 3251 - \$ 256.53 (9/17/13)

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

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

Employees Payroll:
 (tpw) 8/30/13 - \$ 7,168.72 – check 3229 , drafts 23575 to 23585
 (pool) 8/30/13 - \$ 2,324.17 – checks 3230 to 3241 , drafts 23586 and 23587
 (tpw) 9/6/13 - \$ 7,988.89 – check 3244 , drafts 23588 to 23598
 (pool) 9/6/13 - \$ 513.91 – drafts 23599 and 23600
 9/13/13 - \$ 10,002.43 – checks 3246 to 3247, drafts 23601 to 23613
 9/20/13 - \$ 8,479.13 – check 3249 , drafts 23614 to 23626

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

New / Old Business

AED Discussion

Mr. Fossi gave a background on the possible purchase of AED's for the Township fire companies, what type, and how many the fire companies would like each. These would be purchased using Act 13 funds. He then added that his opinion is for each fire company to have one AED, two for the Township, and one for the Recreation Center. Mrs. Layman stated the following prices. With 14 AED's , Zole Company was \$20,540.30 , Phillips was \$21,639.99. Warranties and differences between the companies were discussed. She then gave her opinion that the fire companies should have two each, plus two for the Township, and one for the Recreation Center. Mr. Kerber would like to talk to the fire companies a little more before making a decision. He agrees with two for each fire company though.

Seismic Testing Discussion

Mrs. Layman stated that the Township has been approached about the property leased to do seismic testing. Mr. Kerber stated that he doesn't feel we should do anything with that. The company that is doing it is selling the results to gas companies. We already have a lease with Chevron.

Crabapple Park will be closing for the season on Monday, September 23, 2013.

The Lifelong Learning Center of the Westmoreland County Community College has recommended Margie Shroyer, a Sewickley Township trainee, to learn and work in the Township Office for 16 hours per week. Salary will be completely paid for by the State.

Mrs. Layman spoke regarding the water bill for Crabapple during the major water line break. She has done everything that was required by MAWC to make us eligible for getting the one time forgiveness on that water bill.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Wanda Layman, to approve the one time forgiveness application for MAWC to get a percentage off Crabapple Park and Pool's water bill during the major water line break. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service along with Forbes Regional Hospital will have three (3) free flu shot clinics for Sewickley Township Residents. They will be held at the Ambulance Base, Recreation Center, and at the Senior Center.

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wanda Layman. Voting: Mrs. Layman, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Fossi; yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.