

Chairman Joseph Kerber on Tuesday January 3, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building called the Reorganization Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Tuesday December 27, 2016. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Joseph Kerber, Brian Merdian, and Alan Fossi. Also attending the meeting were Jim Harvey, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Linda Harvey, Maryann Landini, Daniel Landini Jr., Sandy Dull, Tracy Hampshire, Tom Lord, Nick Altman, Lori Jones, David Boettner, Bill Errera, Ray Kostrycki, Eric Kline, Joe Marincic, Brian Kardos, Attorney Kansler, Janet Schork, Debi Pils and Erika Horvat.

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

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to appoint Joe Kerber as Temporary Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Fossi called for nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to appoint Brian Merdian as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to appoint Joe Kerber as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 1-2017 reappointing Erika Horvat as Office Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the Township of Sewickley until the Reorganization Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 2-2017 setting the compensation and benefits for the Office Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Township of Sewickley as follows: This shall be effective January 1, 2017.

- \$ 14.50 regular hourly wage up to 40 hours per week
- \$ 21.75 overtime wage
- 11 paid holidays
- 1 week plus a day paid vacation
- 3 paid sick days
- 2 paid personal days

She elects to take the healthcare buyout and waves all major medical, dental, and vision insurance.

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

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to adopt Resolution No. 3-2017 reappointing Joe Kerber as Roadmaster for the Township of Sewickley. This shall be effective January 1, 2017. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 4-2017 reappointing Debi Pils as Assistant-Secretary for the Township of Sewickley until the Reorganization Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Her compensation and benefits are as follows: These rates shall be effective January 1, 2017.

- \$ 14.50 regular hourly wage up to 40 hours per week
- \$ 21.75 overtime wage
- 11 paid holidays
- 1 week plus a day paid vacation
- 3 paid sick days
- 2 paid personal days

She elects to take the healthcare buyout and waves all major medical, dental, and vision insurance.

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 5-2017 setting the compensation of the following Township of Sewickley employees until the Reorganization Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 and setting their compensations as follows. These rates shall be effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Kerber stated that he will have to abstain from the voting of Tracy Hice but votes yes to setting the compensations for everyone else as follows:

- Susan Leukhardt, Township Clerk - \$13.25 per hour
- Bill Hause, Ordinance Officer - \$12.00 per hour
- Janet Schork, Recreation Director - \$13.75 per hour
- Yvonne Shawl, Assistant Recreation Director - \$12.00 per hour
- Doug Loughner, Township/Crabapple Maintenance - \$11.50 per hour
- Roger Anthony, Recreation/Crabapple/Township Maintenance - \$11.50 per hour
- Tracy Hice, Township Building Cleaning Services - \$11.00 per hour

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to set the Treasurer's Bond at \$2,000,000 with H.A. Thomson for a premium of \$2,486.00. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to retain The Law Offices of Tremba, Kinney, Greiner, & Kerr, LLC as Solicitor for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to retain Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. as Engineer for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 6-2017 reappointing Mike Stack as the Building, Sewage, and Zoning Officer for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 6-2017 reappointing Mike Stack as the Building, Sewage, and Zoning Officer for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 7-2017 reappointing George Thomas Lord as Chairman of the Vacancy Board to the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 8-2017 reappointing Glen Wees as the Township of Sewickley's Emergency Management Coordinator. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 9-2017 reappointing John Fedorko to the Municipal Sewage Authority of the Township of Sewickley for a term of five (5) years. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2022. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Fossi made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to adopt Resolution No. 10-2017 reappointing Kathy Kerber to the Sewickley Township Zoning Board for a term of five (5) years. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2022. Voting: Mr. Kerber, abstains; Mr. Merdian, yes; Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 11-2017 reappointing Charles Wackenhuth to the Sewickley Township Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2021. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 12-2017 reappointing Jack Pore to the Sewickley Township Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2021. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 13-2017 reappointing Tracy Hampshire to the Sewickley Township Recreation Board for a term of five (5) years. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2022. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 14-2017 reappointing Belinda Derr to the Sewickley Township Cultural Commission for a term of four (4) years. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2021. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to appoint the following authorized representatives to make purchases from the Federal Surplus Property Program.

Joe Kerber  
Brian Merdian  
Alan Fossi

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to notify the Pennsylvania State Police and 911 of the persons to be notified in case of an emergency after business hours as:

(1) Joe Kerber  
(2) Brian Merdian  
(3) Alan Fossi

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No. 15-2017 appointing Joe Kerber as the Official Contact Person for the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Program. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to appoint Joe Kerber as the representative and Brian Merdian as the alternate representative for the Township of Sewickley at the Central Westmoreland Council of Government meetings. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to appoint Joe Kerber as the representative and Brian Merdian as the alternate representative for the Township of Sewickley at the Indiana-Westmoreland Council of Government meetings. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to reappoint First National Bank of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust as depositories for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to appoint Joe Kerber, Brian Merdian, and Alan Fossi as delegates to the 95th Annual State Convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' along with one (1) office staff employee to be selected later, to be held April 23, 2017 to April 26, 2017 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center and to direct that delegates be paid their regular wage, if any, from the Township of Sewickley while attending the conventions. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to appoint Joe Kerber as the voting delegate for the Township of Sewickley at the PSATS' Annual Convention. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No 16-2017 establishing the allowable mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service at \$.53.5 cents per mile. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Resolution No 16-2017 establishing the allowable mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service at \$.53.5 cents per mile. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi authorizing the proper officials to pay payroll and those bills at discount or that accrue penalties between meetings. Bills paid through this procedure shall be presented at the next regular meeting for subsequent approval. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber 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
Kaza Fire – Maintenance on Pump	<u>\$ 1,097.92</u>
	<b>\$ 1,700.17</b>

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2015 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows and to void or amend the previous motion from the December meeting because these items were found at a lesser price.

Walmart – 55” Smart HDTV, TV Wall Mount, Laser Printer	\$ 711.77
NEC – Two Projectors and Ceiling Mounts	<u>\$ 2,440.68</u>
	<b>\$ 3,152.45</b>

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to adopt Ordinance No. 1-2017 approving the intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Borough of Sutersville. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to approve the following Township employees to carry over any unused benefit time from 2016 into 2017:

Joseph Kerber  
Jerry Stubbs  
Paul Hermann

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

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

General Fund:	Checks 8357 - \$ 159.44 (11/18/16) Checks 8339 to 8356 - \$ 26,737.31 (12/21/16) Check 8358 \$ 4,898.51 (12/28/16)
Crabapple:	Check 4416 - \$ 273.05 (12/21/16)
Highway Aid:	Check 454 - \$ 10,560.25 (12/27/16)
Payroll Invoices:	Check 4792 - \$ 32.40 (12/21/16)

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

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

Employees Payroll:	12/23/16 - \$ 14,083.23
	12/30/16 - \$ 9,404.10

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; 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 Alan Fossi. Voting: Mr. Fossi, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Erika Horvat  
Secretary-Treasurer