

Chairman Brian Merdian on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 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 Tribune Review on Tuesday, December 27, 2016. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Brian Merdian, Joseph Kerber, and Alan Fossi. Also attending the meeting were Terry Stafford, Tracy Hampshire, Sandy Dull, John Seanor, Judy Janzef, Bob Janzef, Steve Solomon, Mark Petros, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Tom Lord, Brian Kumpf, Attorney Kansler, Janet Schork, Debi Pils and Erika Horvat.

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

**An Executive Session was held on November 13, 2017 at 7:00pm to discuss a real property transaction and on November 15, 2017 at 6:30pm to discuss ongoing legal matters.**

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

The Road Crew has been out two days patching roads. We did a storm pipe repair on Sherman Street in Hutchinson. The guys have been working on replacing the floor in the secondary salt storage bin. We had to replace two stop signs and six road signs throughout the township. I have the guys servicing the trucks and equipment for the winter season and making sure each truck has two sets of chains. The paving has been completed on Orchard Street, Evans Street, High Street and Limerick Road. McGrogan Road, Hildenbrand Road and Sabrina Road are next if the weather is good and funds are available.

#### **Report from Ordinance Officer, Nick Newcaster**

Good Evening Everyone, All of the following information has taken place since the last Board of Supervisors Meeting on 10/18/17: Twenty-eight (28) warning letters were mailed, which pertained to JMV's (Junk Motor Vehicles), rubbish, garbage, and a zoning violation. One dog complaint was received and is currently being looked into by the Zoning Officer and me. I have also spoken with several people on the telephone and in person, reference to violations, which resulted in compliance, without having to mail letters. Two complaints were withdrawn at MDJ CHRISTNER's office, due to the property coming into compliance. Three complaints were filed at MDJ CHRISTNER's office. One was for a dangerous structure in Rillton, and the other two were for JMV's in Herminie and Lowber. There is currently one tagged JMV on Township roadways. (Herminie) Nine (9) JMV's have been removed or remedied from the following areas: Herminie – 3, Hutchinson – 1, Lowber – 1, and Whyel – 4. With cold weather approaching, please be aware if you are parking on a Township maintained road/street/alley, it needs to be passable for snow plows. As always, if someone has noticed a violation and would like to make a complaint, my extension is 7, which does have voicemail.

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

##### **Crabapple Park & Pool:**

- Final winterizing at Crabapple Park and Pool has been completed. Thank you to Roger Anthony and the township crew for all of their help.

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

- The recreation center gym is almost filled to capacity.
  - All weekday evenings are filled as well as our returning morning senior groups.
  - Saturdays and Sundays are also filling with birthday party rentals and other sports groups.
  - In support of the rentals, I continue scheduling, sending out and processing applications and payments.

**Recreation Board Proposed Events:**

- The recreation board met last night and, pending Supervisors' approval, propose hosting the following activities for the first half of 2018.
  - Bingo Fundraiser in March to help defray the cost of board sponsored activities
  - Annual Easter Egg Hunt in March
  - Planning a River's Casino Bus Trip in April
  - In May, we will host our Annual Rabies Clinic at Crabapple Park
  - Also in May, we are planning a Father/Daughter Dance.
  - Bus Trip to Washington Wild Things Baseball Game in June
  - Once approved, we will begin working on the details.

**Discount Ski Tickets:**

- The recreation center will be offering again this year discount ski tickets for Seven Springs and Hidden Valley Resorts.
- Once I receive the tickets, I will begin advertising and sending flyers to the school districts for distribution.
- Last year we sold 49 discounted tickets. Our goal is to double that figure in 2018.

**Jump Start Sports Camps:**

- Our Jump Start Volleyball clinic started on November 2. We have 12 participants.
- In December, we will be offering again through Jump Start Sports a basketball clinic on Saturdays for ages 4-9 from noon – 2p.

**Public Comment**

Terry Stafford asked where Mr. Kerber was at with getting his issues fixed. Mr. Kerber stated that paving season is almost over. As soon as that is done we are going to go back to storm pipe repair. We have a long list but you will be first.

Sandy Dull asked if there was any news on the fire whistle. Mr. Merdian stated that the gentleman who is to do the analysis just got back from out of town. I have been playing phone tag with him. Once we connect I will set up a time with him. I have also still been keeping in touch with the fire chief, Mr. Kline, about getting a resolution to this issue.

Betty Hazuza is purchasing a couple of acres of property near their home and there is an old building that needs torn down. Do I need a permit to do this? Mr. Merdian stated that yes, you would need to obtain a permit application from here at the office.

Bob Janzef asked what is going on with the meeting with Sunoco regarding his road. Mr. Kerber stated that we are meeting with their engineers tomorrow and we will be right in front of your house. Mr. Janzef stated that he has pictures if we would need them. He stated that they encroached onto the shoulder with their equipment and now we have water on the road. They need to take care of this also. Mr. Kerber stated that he has been working with them to get this fixed. They are denying this all so I may need your photos. Mr. Kerber stated he would keep him updated.

A resident asked what number fifteen on the agenda is referring to. Attorney Kansler stated it is a litigation matter at the Court of Common Pleas.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi disburse 2016 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. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2016 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Amazon – adapter, mount for antenna	\$ 74.96
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Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to disburse 2016 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Rillton Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Schulte's Enterprise – exhaust repairs	\$ 1,642.12
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Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to approve the Stuart Waterhouse plan located on Overland Drive. The sub-division divides Lot 1 containing 1.81 acres from Lot 2 containing 1 acre. Lot 1 contains an existing dwelling serviced by an on-lot septic system. Lot 2 contains an existing kennel with a sand mound. Both parcels have individual public water service. The plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to introduce proposed Ordinance 6-2017 establishing the Tentative Budget for 2018 as the Proposed Budget for 2018 with adoption to be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 7:00pm. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to advertise the availability of the Proposed Budget for 2018 with public inspection being made possible at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm beginning Monday, November 20, 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. 30-2017 establishing the real property taxes for fiscal year 2018 at 11.25 mills for general Township purposes, 2 mills to support ambulance, rescue, and other emergency services, .75 mills to light the highways, roads, and other public places in the Township, and .25 mills to establish and maintain fire hydrants and fire hydrant water service in the Township on each dollar of assessed valuation of property located within the Township of Sewickley. This is not an increase from the previous year. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion to approve and authorize the execution of the settlement agreement in the matter docketed at Westmoreland County civil #1297 of 2017. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Alan Fossi to renew Property and Casualty Coverage for all Sewickley Fire Companies with Varine-Slavin using Selective at the premiums below. Policy is effective from December 18, 2017 to December 18, 2018.

Herminie Fire Company:	\$ 12,235.00
Lowber Fire Company:	\$ 13,998.00
Rillton Fire Company:	\$ 10,915.00
Hutchinson Fire Company:	\$ 12,874.00

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



Crabapple: Check 4516 - \$ 80.42 (10/31/17)  
Check 4517 - \$ 35.00 (11/3/17)  
ACH Payments: MSATS - \$ 58.95 (10/20/17)  
First Energy - \$ 22.36 (10/27/17)  
First Energy - \$ 262.07 (10/30/17)  
First Energy - \$ 225.35 (11/9/17)

Recreation: Check 2729 - \$ 147.68 (10/19/17)  
Check 2730 - \$ 24.62 (10/31/17)  
Check 2731 - \$ 329.47 (11/3/17)  
Check 2732 - \$ 117.95 (11/9/17)  
ACH Payments: Columbia Gas - \$ 33.45 (10/3/17)  
MSATS - \$ 58.95 (10/20/17)  
First Energy - \$ 304.34 (10/27/17)  
Columbia Gas - \$ 32.13 (11/1/17)

Crabapple Fundraiser: Check 1011 - \$127.89 (11/3/17)

Highway Aid: Check 467 - \$ 47,889.96 (10/26/17)  
Check 468 - \$ 30,079.50 (11/3/17)  
Check 469 - \$ 34,227.30 (11/8/17)

Payroll Invoices: Check 5238 - \$ 21.61 (10/19/17)  
Checks 5244 to 5246 - \$ 2,229.23 (10/31/17)  
Check 5250 - \$ 21.61 (11/3/17)  
Check 5254 to 5255 - \$ 355.38 (11/9/17)  
ACH Payments: Payroll Liabilities \$ 723.14 (10/19/17)  
Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,504.82 (10/20/17)  
Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,716.88 (10/26/17)  
Payroll Liabilities \$ 616.16 (11/3/17)  
Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,476.20 (11/10/17)

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: 10/27/17 - \$ 11,312.31  
11/3/17 - \$ 10,375.72  
11/10/17 - \$ 10,354.47  
11/17/17 - \$ 11,650.61

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

### **New / Old Business**

Sewickley Township Light up Night will be held on Saturday December 2, 2017.  
The Township Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23, 2017 and Friday, November 24, 2017.  
The Township Office will close at Noon on Friday December 15, 2017 for the annual Christmas Party.

With no further business to come before the Board, Joe Kerber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Fossi. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Fossi; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Erika Horvat  
Secretary-Treasurer