

Chairman Joe Kerber Merdian on Wednesday April 18, 2018 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 29, 2017. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Joseph Kerber, Brian Merdian, and Mark Petros. Also attending the meeting were Tracy Hampshire, Sandy Dull, John Seanor, Bobbie Oblack, Jack McWilliams, Ron Oblack, Jamie Dubinsky, Patricia Volpe, Mike Volpe, Wanda Layman, Marianne Errett, Margaret Sensue, Mike Aujay, John Fedorko, Tom Lord, Lisa Smartnick, Jason Smartnick, Linda Harvey, Rita Aujay, Mike Kuklish, Mike Kuklish Sr., Joseph Vas, Attorney Kansler, Janet Schork and Erika Horvat.

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

Report from Roadmaster, Joe Kerber

The crew has been out four days patching roads. We started working on the roadway at Crabapple Park to fix the damage over there from the renovations of the bathrooms. Pulled the ditch on Pierce Road and fixed the slide. This has been a bad year for slides. We have been out for two days replacing signs. The street sweeper has been in the shop for service. The crew has been working on a major culvert replacement on McGrogen Road.

Supervisor Kerber stated that he and Attorney Kansler appeared in court on April 10th before Judge Christner for property ordinance violations. One was a no show, one was continued and two were found guilty and fined. Mrs. Sensue asked about the Costanza case. Mr. Kerber stated that it is scheduled before Judge Smail in May.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

- **Crabapple Park**
 - The park will be open to vehicular traffic on May 1. Park hours are from 8:00am to dusk, 7-days a week.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:**
 - Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt held on March was a huge success. The chilly conditions didn't lessen the thrill for approximately 150 children. Thank you to our volunteers: Patty Vanyo, Tracy Hampshire, Alexander Schork, Annie McWilliams, Yvonne Shawl, and the Boy Scout Troop 259 who helped me fill the eggs. Also, thank you to the following businesses and residents for their generous donations:

○ Bill & Raes	Elite Heating & Air Conditioning
○ Janet Sardon	Marci & Jeff Suggars
○ Kavel Farms, LLC	Plazz's Auto Repair and Detailing
○ Rupp & Fiore	Labuda Farm Service
○ Oak Hill Dental	Herminie Auto Parts
○ Nickels Funeral Home	Basic Carbide
○ The Notary Shop	Karr Dumpster & Flatbed
○ Grandview Nurseries	Senator Kim Ward
○ Tail's End	Earth Elements
○ Alan Fossi	Dave Smith 150 DQ Coupons
○ JJ's Pizza 10 Medium Pizzas	Sewickley Township Business & Civic Association
- **Rabies Clinic**
 - Our annual Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the Crabapple Park Large Pavilion. The event will run from 11:00 am to 1:00pm. The cost is \$11/per animal.
- **Restroom Renovations Update:**
 - The ADA restroom renovations at Crabapple Park & Pool and the baseball fields have been delayed due to rain, snow, and cold temperatures. Work is to resume on Monday, April 23 and tentatively completed by the end of April.
- **Open Gym:**
 - Our Free use of the gym started on Wednesday, April 4 from 5p-7p and continues through June.
 - The first two weeks we had approximately 20 children and their parents participate.
 - Open gym concludes on Wednesday, May 2
- **Pennsylvania Pesticide :**
 - I attended and successfully completed my recertification credit requirements for Core Pesticide and Pool Category training yesterday. My license is valid until 2021.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on February 15, 2018. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Jamie Dubinsky at 128 Chopp Street, Sutersville, had a question regarding the selling of Sewickley Sutersville Sewage Authority to MAWC. How is that going to affect the cost of our sewage and if MAWC buys SSMSA. Does that mean there is room for expansion? Mr. Kerber stated that our goal is to try and keep the cost down. If and when Elizabeth Sewage is moved, according to the DEP, the cost per month to Elizabeth may go up \$30 a month. There is no way that SSMSA can get out of that agreement until the debt is paid. The one thing that is a positive is that if MAWC purchases SSMSA, they will pay off the debt. They are going to invest allot of money into reversing all the lines and pumping it up to MSATS which they are looking at purchasing also, and guaranteeing no rate hike for 5 years. There would be a flat rate to all customers in that authority. This will eliminate allot of the problems with high consumption costs. There are a lot of layers to this. We have had numerous meetings, one a couple Mondays ago and one this Monday with the DEP in Pittsburgh. There is going to be competing offers on the table from PA American and MAWC. What it comes down to is the SSMSA board's decision. They are the ones going to make the decision and recommend to Sewickley Township what the course of action will be. My recommendation would be to talk to the members on that board and express your concerns to them. Hopefully, they will make the best choice of what's best for their customers. Time is of the essence here. There have been other offers, but we can't turn our backs on this one. The concern right now is to stabilize that authority and to make sure customers are not going to be paying outrageous costs down there.

Patty Volpe from General Braddock Road wanted to thank the Township for fixing the pothole and putting up the speed limit signs on General Braddock Road.

Magaret Sensue would like to know if the hearing in May regarding the nuisance issue near her home is open to the public. Attorney Kansler stated that he believes so. Generally, all hearings are open to the public, at least at the Court of Common Pleas.

Mike Aujay is here on the behalf of Sewickley Area Athletic Association. He is wants to know when the completion of the plumbing work will be done so they have water in the concession stand. Mr.Kerber stated that we are hoping for the end of April. We will see about getting you a water buffalo over there. Mr. Aujay stated that we have about 172 kids signed up and we start this Monday. Rita Aujay expressed the concern over the ruts at the ballfields and the dangers of them. Mr. Aujay stated that they had a very successful fundraiser. With the funds we are going to put a new roof on the concession stand, dugout roofs, build a pavilion next to the concession stand, put a new storage pod over by the pony field, purchase a new tractor for field work and add a flag pool with a light.

Lisa Smartnik from SAAA stated that the athletic association brings into the township thousands of people. It would be nice to get the water on over there.

Greg Hazuza asked when Pinewood Road is going to be fixed. Mr. Kerber stated that as soon as we get our McGrogan Road project finished we are going to start on Pinewood Road. Mr. Hazuza stated that there are some major potholes on that road.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to disburse 2017 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
Schulte's – maintenance on firetruck	<u>\$ 2,578.50</u>
	\$ 3,180.75

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to disburse 2017 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Pro-Am Safety – maintenance on firetruck	\$ 352.28
ABCO Fire Protection – maintenance on truck	\$ 478.14
ECM2 LLC – paging system to cell phones	\$ 1,600.00
Webb's Service – intake valve on truck	<u>\$ 210.00</u>
	\$ 2,640.42

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to disburse 2017 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Rillton Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Breathing Air Systems – maintenance on air breathing system	\$ 1,850.45
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Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to disburse 2017 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Kenworth – annual maintenance on rescue	\$ 565.05
Advance Fire Co. – maintenance on fire extinguishers	\$ 555.49
HC Global – maintenance on radios	\$ 465.00
Kush Kustom Auto – maintenance on attack	<u>\$ 1,647.50</u>
	\$ 3,233.04

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to disburse 2017 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Esri – GIS mapping	\$ 400.00
The Embroidery People – safety shirts	\$ 236.00
Comcast – monthly bill	<u>\$ 181.93</u>
	\$ 817.93

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance amending the Township of Sewickley code Chapter 7 to add fire detector and carbon monoxide detector requirements. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to adopt Resolution No. 17-2018 approving the plan revision for new land development regarding the Commerce Crossing Industrial Park. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids for the sale of the “Andrews Street Property” with Tax Map No. 58-07-12-0-049 were received and recorded as follows:

Karen Bickerstaff	\$ 5,015.00
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Mark Petros made a motion to accept the sale of the “Andrews Street Property” with Tax Map No. 58-07-12-0-049 to Karen Bickerstaff in the amount of \$ 5,015.00. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids for the sale of the “Short Street Property” with Tax Map No. 58-07-12-0-024 were received and recorded as follows:

Michael Kuklish	\$ 3,252.50
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Mark Petros made a motion to accept the sale of the “Short Street Property” with Tax Map No. 58-07-12-0-024 to Michael Kuklish in the amount of \$ 3,252.50. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to schedule and advertise a special meeting to plan and discuss a property maintenance code. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to accept the quote from Compliance Management International in the amount of \$ 925.00. This is for excavation training. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to authorize the Sewickley Township Recreation Department use of the Large Pavilion at Crabapple Park on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 11:00am to 1:00pm for their Annual Rabies Clinic. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to approve the following bills for payment.

General Fund:

Checks 9389 to 9409 - \$ 52,000.52 (3/23/18)
Checks 9410 to 9438 - \$ 27,648.11 (4/6/18)
Checks 9439 to 9455 - \$ 26,385.11 (4/12/18)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 519.17 (3/29/18)
S&T Loan - \$ 2,487.28 (4/2/18)
First Energy - \$ 36.60 (4/2/18)
Columbia Gas - \$ 222.13 (4/5/18)

Crabapple:

Checks 4534 to 4535 - \$ 657.90 (3/22/18)
Check 4525 - \$ 790.93 (4/5/18)
Checks 4539 to 4540 \$ 176.01 (4/12/18)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 73.21 (4/2/18)
First Energy - \$ 125.95 (4/11/18)
First Energy - \$ 104.43 (4/11/18)

Recreation:

Checks 2754 to 2757 - \$ 334.12 (3/23/18)
Check 2758 - \$ 23.52 (4/5/18)
Check 2759 - \$ 354.24 (4/12/18)

ACH Payments: First Energy – \$ 604.80 (3/29/18)
Columbia Gas - \$ 386.14 (4/5/18)

Highway Aid: Check 476 - \$ 8,356.49 (4/4/18)
Check 477 - \$ 6,290.00 (4/9/18)
Check 478 - \$ 336.00 (4/9/18)

Payroll Invoices:

Check 5338 - \$ 10.03 (3/22/18)
Checks 5344 to 5346 - \$ 2,500.82 (4/5/18)
Checks 5352 to 5353 - \$ 285.30 (4/11/18)

ACH Payments: Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,316.86 (3/23/18)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,369.14 (3/29/18)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 856.39 (4/4/18)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 1,443.98 (4/5/18)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 676.00 (4/6/18)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,004.52 (4/6/18)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 3,434.20 (4/13/18)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 81.25 (4/17/18)

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to approve the following payrolls for payment.

Employees Payroll: (twp) 3/30/18 - \$ 10,495.81
(twp) 4/6/18 - \$ 8,870.81
(twp) 4/13/18 - \$ 14,693.98
(twp) 4/20/18 - \$ 9,762.84

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

New / Old Business

Linda Harvey had a question regarding number 17 on the agenda. She asked if this meeting is for the general public. Attorney Kansler stated that this meeting is for a quorum of the Board of Supervisors to address a property maintenance code. It's going to be a public meeting. It will be advertised in the Tribune Review.

A resident asked if there is a completion time regarding the sewage project in Hutchinson. Mr. Merdian stated that a scheduled completion date for that project is late August. Maybe a little sooner. That includes the pump station and treatment plant. The main work that is being done by Pollard Construction will be done within the next two to four weeks. Of course they need to do restoration afterwards. The resident asked if they are going to pave our roads. Mr. Merdian stated that they are going to just be doing patch work. Mr. Merdian stated that if there are additional funds from the PENNVest loan we can go to go to the county and see if we can get some additional funding to fix the roads. It's no promise, but it is something we are looking into. Tap in notices will probably be going out late July. Everything will need to be inspected and tested for use first and then when we know it's all good to go, tap in notices will be sent out. It might even be early fall before they are sent.

Mike Aujay from SAAA also asked if we could get a new lock and fix the hole in the fence around the old tennis courts. Mr. Kerber stated that we will get the fence fixed and get you a new lock. Mr. Aujay asked about the slide at the playground. Mr. Kerber stated that we have not yet found a replacement. Mr. Merdian stated that we are looking into finding some funding for a new playground. Mr. Aujay stated the old bleachers need removed. We have someone that will come and remove them. The supervisors advised if you have someone come and remove them, have them sign a waiver or release.

Mrs. Dull asked about the weather siren. Mr. Kerber stated that it has been voted on unanimously at a previous meeting to have it tested by Thornton and Acoustics Vibrations. We are going to move forward with the test.

With no further business to come before the Board, Brian Merdian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Petros. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Erika Horvat
Secretary/Treasurer