

Chairman Joe Kerber on Wednesday October 17, 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 Daryl Dermotta, Linda Harvey, Bob Janzef, Judy Janzef, Margaret Sensue, Sandy Dull, Tracy Hampshire, Tom Lord, Betty Hazuza, Attorney Kansler, Janet Schork and Erika Horvat.

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

Report from Roadmaster, Joe Kerber

We have been working on getting the pool closed for the winter and doing some restoration at the recreation center due to some flooding that took place there. We replaced storm pipes on Slebodnik Road, storm pipe and catch box on Hutchinson and Carnegie Road. We have been working on a storm pipe on Firehall Avenue. The crew spent two days hauling sand stone for jobs. Work is happening on Oak Creek Drive. We hope to get it finished tomorrow. We will pave it tomorrow and that should wrap that job up. The temporary bridge was removed last week. We repaired a storm pipe on Wilps and Third Street. We repaired a slide on Railroad Street. A few guys from the crew worked on repairs to the Township building from some water damage. We started work on Slaughter Hollow Road. We hope to get back to it soon. Margaret Sensue asked about the road coming into Herminie. She has a concern about the road caving in. She asked if PennDot is aware of it. Mr. Kerber stated that they are very aware of it.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Pat Schmidt

Since last month, I had checked into nineteen different properties. Six people were able to bring their properties into compliance. Several abandoned vehicles were removed from the Township roads. Out of two dilapidated homes in Rillton and Lowber, I am still working on finding out when and what to do as far as their concern. They have already been previously investigated.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Crabapple Pool:

- Pool winterizing started this week and will be completed once I get the OK from Mike Aujay that baseball season is over and we can turn off the water for the ball fields, park, and pool. Mike thinks they will be done with cleaning concession next week.

Crabapple Park:

- Thank you to Alan Fossi for all of your help weeding the flower beds at the recreation center/library, Bruno field sign, and all of Crabapple Park flower beds. It was a huge help to us!
- The last day that Crabapple Park will be open to vehicular traffic is October 31st. Park is open year-round for fishing, to walkers, runners, and pets (on leash) from 8am-dusk.
- Additional parking at ball-field lot (across from H.W. Good Elementary School). We ask that cars do not block park gates in case of an emergency.

Recreation Center/Library:

- Fortunately, the gym floor is dry and most of the board warping has settled. I am in the process of contacting our Yough Area and Sewickley Sports groups for fall/winter reservations. Once they are scheduled, any available day/times will be open to the general public. If the large number of inquiries is any indication, we will once again be booked 7 days a week at almost full capacity.
- We will again partner with Jump Start Sports to offer Fall/Winter Sports Camps:
 - Basketball for ages 4-9 on Saturdays, noon-2pm from January 2 through 9.
 - Soccer for ages 3-6 starts on February 16 and will run through March 23 also on Saturdays noon-2pm.
 - Classes are co-ed, run 6 weeks, and are \$65/participant

Boy Scout Troop 259:

- Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 259 for litter cleanup on Sunday, October 14 along Herminie West Newton Road from Bruno Field to Route 136. This is part of their community Service requirement.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Meridian to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on September 19, 2018. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Linda Harvey asked if there is going to be more follow up discussions regarding the Property Maintenance Code. She feels it is important to make sure the information is available for the public to know what is going on. Attorney Kansler stated Brian and I are working on finalizing the Ordinance. Once we feel we are in a place where we can advertise it, it will be advertised in the newspaper that it is up for public review. When it is advertised for public view, paper copies are available here at the township building and at the Westmoreland County Law Library. We plan on discussing this again at the November meeting under new old business. Linda Harvey stated that things are discussed here and then they are never heard of again.

Bob Janzef wanted to comment on the good job that was done at Oak Creek Drive. On the blind bend on Apple Mill Road, the shoulder is wore out. Mr. Kerber stated that he is aware of it.

Margaret Sensue would like to know what motion #16 is about. Attorney Kansler explained that behind the Dollar General there is an unnamed right of way. That property where the post office and rec center is was once owned by the school district in the 1950's and at some point was given to the township. In the 1960's the township started to sell off the property up there and they reserved that unnamed ally way which was just gravel at one point, there were no dimensions to it. The township continued to maintain it. The problem is back then it was never reserved as part of the plan of lots or the subdivision plan. The people that are going to be buying the dollar general land from the developer requested something in writing that we are going to continue to maintain it like we have done it in the past.

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

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
Murray Automotive – maintenance on radios	\$ 306.71
Bear Com – maintenance on radios	<u>\$ 36.75</u>
	\$ 945.71

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

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

Bear Com – monthly maintenance on portable radios	\$ 92.00
Comcast – phone, internet	<u>\$ 186.45</u>
	\$ 278.45

Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; 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:

CG Wraps – decals for truck	\$ 850.00
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Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; 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:

Harris Auto – replace alternator	\$ 615.79
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Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to approve the Basista Farms Plan 2, contingent upon the approval of the sewage module, located on Chopp Street across from Cherry Street. This plan subdivides Lot 2 containing 8.0 acres from the residual 153 acres. Public water and sewer are available as well as electric and phone. There are currently no structures on the lot. It was explained that any future subdivisions of the property would require a Major Subdivision. The plan was approved by the Planning Commission, contingent upon the approval of the sewage module, 5-0. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Meridian to approve the amended Geiger and Aaron Plan located on Clay Pike at Reservoir Road. It was originally presented on May 8, 2018 at which time deficiencies were noted on side setbacks and lot size. The Zoning Hearing Board made a decision on August 22, 2018 giving relief to the sub-standard lot size and stated the side lot issues were non-conforming prior to the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance. The plan was approved by the Planning Commission 5-0. Voting: Mr. Meridian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Meridian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to adopt Resolution No. 26-2018 approving and authorizing the execution of the agreement between the Township of Sewickley, Municipal Sewage Authority of The Township of Sewickley and the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County for the sale of sanitary sewage facilities. Voting: Mr. Meridian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Meridian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to adopt Resolution No. 27-2018 approving and authorizing the execution of the letter agreement with PennTex Ventures, LLC. Voting: Mr. Meridian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Meridian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to ratify the approval of the estimate from Nemes Glass Corporation in the amount of \$ 3,828.00. This is to install new tempered glass exterior windows and door to the front entrance of the municipal building. Voting: Mr. Meridian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter has been received from Richard Mathews regarding the waiving of garbage service at 144 Lowber Road, West Newton. The property is vacant and will need to be condemned due to the recent flooding.

Brian Meridian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to waive Richard Matthews' garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Waste Management. Voting: Mr. Meridian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Meridian to ratify the pay increase for Alexander Schork to \$9.50 per hour when performing the duty of maintenance at Crabapple Park and Pool and at the Recreation Center. Voting: Mr. Meridian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Meridian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to ratify Clint Strosko to work over his allotted hours on the payroll date of September 28, 2018. Voting: Mr. Meridian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Meridian to accept the Halloween Activities as follows:

Saturday, October 27, 2018

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. Meridian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:

Checks 9781 to 9799 - \$ 29,114.48 (9/19/18)	ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 344.04 (9/27/18)
Check 9800 - \$ 500.00 (8/28/18)	First Energy - \$ 259.88 (9/28/18)
Check 9801 - \$ 6,965.49 (9/26/18)	S & T Loan - \$ 2,487.28 (10/1/18)
Checks 9805 to 9821 - \$ 33,707.95 (9/27/18)	Columbia Gas - \$ 25.56 (10/3/18)
Checks 9822 to 9838 - \$ 18,893.78 (10/4/18)	
Checks 9839 to 9858 - \$ 27,882.47 (10/12/18)	
Check 2012 - \$ 500.00 (9/25/18)	
Checks 9859 – 9871 \$ 22,266.98 (10/17/18)	

Crabapple:

Checks 4621 to 4625 - \$ 588.67 (9/21/18)
 Checks 4626 to 4627 - \$ 135.01 (9/27/18)
 Check 4628 - \$ 368.85 (10/4/18)
 Checks 4629 to 4632 - \$ 195.38 (10/12/18)

ACH Payments:MSATS - \$ 58.95 (9/20/18)
 First Energy - \$ 344.88 (9/28/18)
 First Energy - \$ 222.02 (10/10/18)

Recreation:

Checks 2773 to 2774 – \$ 546.92 (9/21/18)
 Check 2775 - \$ 64.97 (10/12/18)
 Check 2776 - \$ 156.26 (10/17/18)

Highway Aid: Check 494 - \$ 1,229.43 (9/25/18)
 Check 495 - \$ 15,647.45 (10/3/18)
 Check 496 - \$ 25,000.00 (10/15/18)

Payroll Invoices:

Check 5667 to 5668 - \$ 2,012.89 (9/27/18)
 Check 5677 - \$ 328.57 (10/12/18)

ACH Payments:Payroll Liabilities \$ 5,629.10 (9/14/18)
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 846.13 (9/19/18)
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,333.00 (9/21/18)
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,154.18 (9/28/18)
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 543.02 (10/3/18)
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,917.62 (10/5/18)
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 88.42 (10/5/18)
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 1,623.67 (10/9/18)
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 1,607.59 (10/9/18)
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 36.00 (10/9/18)
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,520.20 (10/12/18)

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

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

Employees Payroll: (twp) 9/28/18 - \$ 9,261.56
 (twp) 10/3/18 - \$ 11,963.99
 (twp) 10/10/18 - \$ 11,220.52
 (twp) 10/19/18 - \$ 9,611.56

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

New / Old Business

As part of Sewickley Township's clean storm water program, we would like to remind everyone that our storm water inlets, curbs and gutters, drainage ditches and storm pipes discharge into the Sewickley Creek or the Youghiogheny River which are used for fishing, boating and swimming. In order to help improve the quality of our river and creek, we remind residents and businesses to please do not discard grass clippings, used oil, paints, solvents or other wastes into the storm drains. Maintain the grass height in your yard at no less than three inches. Longer grass is healthier, retains more moisture and requires less fertilizer. If using fertilizers or pesticides, always follow the directions and never apply immediately before a rain storm. If draining your pool, allow your pool to dechlorinate first by keeping it uncovered and waiting at least ten days after its last chlorination to allow the chlorine to dissipate in the air. Then have the pool drain into a grassy area. Pick up after your pet. Don't let pet wastes lie in the streets or alleyways where they can get washed into the storm drain. Wash your vehicle in an area where the dirty wash water will not run directly into a storm inlet. Preferably, wash your vehicle at a car wash or in a grassy or gravel area. Properly dispose of used motor oil, oil based paints, solvents, household cleaners and other hazardous household chemicals. We remind residents and businesses that it is illegal to dispose of these chemicals in the Township's storm inlets. Go to www.pacleanways.org for more information. Together we can protect and preserve a very important resource of our community.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mark Petros made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Merdian. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mr. Petros, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.