

Chairman Mark Petros on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 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 Friday, December 28, 2018. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Mark Petros, Brian Merdian and Joseph Kerber. Also attending the meeting were Mike Volpe, Patty Volpe, Jeff Thoma, Alan Fossi, Tom Lord, Bob Regola, Kathy Kerber, Jill Petros, Robert Janzef, Judy Janzef, Sandy Dull, Tracy Hampshire, Marci Sugars, Mandy Luchs, Margaret Sensue, Ann McWilliams, Jack McWilliams, James Balog, Janet Schork, Attorney Kansler and Erika Horvat.

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

Report from Roadmaster, Joe Kerber

We replaced three storm pipes and repaired the road base on McGrogan Road. We replaced the storm pipe and catch box on Taylor Road. On Apples Mill Road, Dutchtown Road and Salt Mill Circle we replaced a short piece of pipe and put a new catch box in. Did some pipe work on Country Lane and Limerick Road. We did a major pipe repair over at Crabapple Park. That was a seven foot round storm pipe 60 foot long. It is ready to be paved. The crew was out 5 days patching roads. We repaired the gate at the Hutchinson playground and need a new lock and will get one when we find the company that the fence and locks came from. We are starting a major storm pipe replacement on Pinewood. Then we will move on to the village of Hutchinson to do major storm pipe replacement work there. A resident asked what the status is on the road leaving Herminie. Mr. Kerber stated that is a state road and it started to cave in so they closed it. As of right now, we have not been notified from PennDot when and how they plan to fix it.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Pat Schmidt

I have responded to complaints at Sewickley Pines trailer park and I am glad to report that things are progressing well over there. I have assisted CYS with an investigation on township property that we have an interest in due to major property maintenance code violations. Six certified letters were sent this month regarding property violations. I investigated several abandoned cars in the area and followed up on them several times. I had to file three criminal complaints with the magistrate. The status of the ongoing garbage issue is we are now about \$24,000 in the negative but I do look for this total to get better. This upcoming month I plan to be walking the Hutchinson and Yukon areas due to numerous complaints regarding those areas and looking into abandoned vehicles in the Rillton area.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

Most of our fall/winter long-term rentals have concluded for the season. We do have 6 more birthday parties scheduled through May. Our fitness classes are still ongoing and will continue through the summer. Free, open gym for walkers continues on Monday & Friday afternoons from 12:30pm-3:30pm, Tuesday morning from 7:30am to 9:00am and Thursday morning from 7:30am – 10:00am. Open gym for youth basketball continues on April 27th from 2:30pm – 4:00pm. The final two open gym sessions will be on May 11th and 25th.

Jump Start Sports Camps:

The Jump Start Sports fall/winter programs concluded on March 30th. We had 63 participants for the program.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 13th at the Sewickley Township Baseball Fields. We had 166 children participate. We not only gave away (6) gift baskets, but also (2) bicycles, and a wagon. Thank you to our volunteers: Tracy Hampshire, Patty Vanyo, Ashley Sarver, Annie McWilliams, Alexander Schork, Carol Keller, and Sally Turkovich (aka, the Easter Bunny) for all of their help with the event. Also, thank you to our local businesses and residents for their generous contributions: Basic Carbide, Crabapple Pool, Sewickley Twp Business & Civic Assoc., Herminie Auto Parts, Labuda Farm Service, Nickels Funeral Home, Rupp & Fiore, Oak Hill Dental, Plazz's Auto Repair and Detailing, Senator Kim Ward, Tail's End, VFW Post 8427, JJ's Pizza, Sewickley Beer Distributor, Alan Fossi, Elite Heating & Air Conditioning, Kavel Farms, LLC, PLS Electrical Construction, The Notary Shop, Grandview Nurseries

Crabapple Pool:

Our Spring Park & Pool opening procedures have begun. If all goes according to plan, we will be opening the park to vehicular traffic on May 1 and the pool for the Memorial Day Weekend on May 25. Pool Memberships are now available at the Recreation Center and on the township website.

Presentation by The Nutrition Group

Amy Smartek who manages the Herminie Senior Center is here to speak about the Senior Center located at the Herminie VFD. Last year we won Senior Center of the year for the state of PA. We start every morning off packing home delivery meals for people who cannot get out. If you know someone that can benefit from this please call me and I will get you in contact with the Dept. of Aging. We serve food and hot meals at the center for free but you can give a small donation of \$ 2.00 if you would like. We always have a hot lunch for everyone. We sit down with the Nutrition Group who I work for and plan out meals for the seniors. We also provide other services like opening up as a warming center if the electric goes out and face time Friday for those who have family or friends far away, we provide a computer so they can face time them. On Tuesday and Thursday we do Tai Chi which is very beneficial for those with arthritis. Other activities we have are: a party once a month for whatever holiday is that month, Monday is Panera Bread day, Thursday is polka day, we

have guest speakers and Ted Kopas will be in next week, exercise classes, we do a flea market Friday, 5 hour casino bus trip that is free, and we play bingo. We are going to open up the center for those who are going to participate in the Beautify Herminie Day on April 28th to provide food for those volunteers.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2019 and March 20, 2019. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Statement from the Board of Supervisors: Mark Petros, Brian Merdian, Joe Kerber

Despite what you have read in the newspaper or on-line recently; please be advised that the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors have no intention of abandoning any current issues with the roads throughout the Township. Within the next 30 days, the Sewickley Township Road Department will be starting a \$130,000.00 storm water and road paving project in Hutchinson. This first phase of this work will start down at the bottom of the hill. It is the intention of this entire Board to continue work in Hutchinson until all roads that were compromised from the sewage project are repaired both in terms of storm water drainage and asphalt pavement. Additionally in April, a sub-contractor will be starting the first phase of a stormwater rehabilitation project in Herminie. These larger projects are in addition to work that the Township is conducting on McGrogan Road, Pinewood Road and others. Additionally, regarding the construction of a new Recreation Center and Library, the only thing the Township has officially done thus far is to authorize our consulting engineer to conduct a feasibility study on the potential of constructing a new facility. The Tribune-Review article touched upon many aspects of this project but unfortunately made it sound like everything was a done-deal. The truth is that we have many "hopes" right now but we all understand that these hopes need to be vetted through public discussions and input. Moreover there are many regulatory and funding hurdles that will need to be crossed as things evolve. Once greater progress is made to validate that these hopes can become reality, public input will be sought. On a project as big and important as this would be to our community, transparency and communication will both remain utmost important issues and will always be followed.

Public Comment

Mike Volpe stated he is the president of Rillton Fire Department and we received a letter back in January from the Board of Supervisors concerning an incident that the Rillton VFD responded to. We requested a meeting with the Board of Supervisors so we can tell our side of the story and we have not heard of anything. Is there any action going to be taken in response of the letter? Mr. Merdian asked what is your main concern that you would request this meeting. Mr. Volpe stated for you to hear our side of the story. In this letter that we got from the township, it states our member bluntly went down through a yard. They were responding to mutual aid in Lowber. They were under the direction of Lowber Fire Company and told what to do, there were other vehicles that went down to the creek. The emergency medical call was an emergency heart attack at the other side of the creek. Lowber directed our fire company to take the gator down there. Now you're going to want us to fix a yard on an emergency call that we were directed to do. Past practices, the township fixed the yards if the fire companies did damage. Mr. Merdian proposed we will discuss this and have a formal answer back to you by the end of the month.

Mr. Thoma had a concern with Limerick Hill. It is going to be heavily used now that the road is shut down at the end of town. He asked if they will decide to keep one lane open. Mr. Kerber explained that that is a PennDot road. We just got notification that it was closed today. Mr. Thoma asked about the stromwater project in Hermine and if they will be closing down roads also to do the work. Mr. Kerber explained that they cannot close down Township roads without notifying us first and with the road closed at Keystone they would not be able to block access to emergency vehicles. Mr. Merdian went on to explain that there was not anything in their contract that states they will be closing down any roads. Mr. Thoma also stated he will like to bring dumpsters to Bruno Field on May 4 for a TV drive so people can have a place to bring their junk TV's. There would be no cost. The Supervisors made a motion under new business to approve this.

Mr. Kearns wanted to state that during the fire call where property damage occurred to his property, no one was having a heart attack. The person just needed help because he got himself wet when he helped his niece across the creek and he needed someone to go back over and get him. Mr. Luft was told not to go down there. I saw him flying back up across the field in my neighbor's yard. I was waiving my hands but he came flying up through the yards in the Chevy Suburban flinging mud and grass everywhere with the trailer on the back. I provided pictures of the damage and I haven't heard anything. I just want my yard fixed so I can cut my grass.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to disburse 2018 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. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to disburse 2018 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

BearCom – maintenance on radio	\$ 150.75
Pro-Am Safety – maintenance on facemask	\$ 292.91
ECM2 - mobile mapping	\$ 1,600.00
Webb's Service – inspection & maint. on Squad	\$ 887.67
	\$ 2,931.33

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to disburse 2018 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Rillton Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Schulte's – maintenance on Squint	\$ 4,364.55
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Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to disburse 2018 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Labuda Farm Service – chainsaw	\$ 675.98
Witmer Safety Group – knock down foam	\$ 570.00
Witmer Safety Group – Fire Coat and Pants	\$ 2,323.00
	\$ 3,568.98

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

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to disburse 2018 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Comcast – monthly bill	\$ 249.96
Amazon - Microsoft 365	\$ 99.99
The Embroidery People – four shirts	\$ 156.00
Bearcom - monthly maintenance on portable radios	\$ 92.00
Hirsh Electric – electrical work for generator	\$ 775.00
	\$ 1,372.95

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

Proposals for approximately 3,500 ton of Type 2 anti-skid materials were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 10:00am as follows:

		Ligonier Stone & Lime Company d/b/a Derry Stone & Lime Company		
		FOB Plant Per Ton	Deliver to Twp Bldg Per Ton	
3,500 ton	Type 2 Anti-Skid Material	\$16.30	\$24.43	

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian to award the proposal for approximately 3,500 ton of Type 2 Anti-Skid to Ligonier Stone & Lime Company at the above prices. The contract shall be effective April 26, 2019 to April 25, 2020. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for the following were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 10:00am as follows:

	Pleasant Unity Supply	Culverts, Inc.
	Deliver to Twp Bldg	Deliver to Twp Bldg
Pre-Cast Basin (Penn Dot Type) 2' x 4' x 3'	\$ 280	\$ 278
Pre-Cast Basin (Penn Dot Type) 2' x 4' x 2'	\$ 230	\$ 228
Pre-Cast Basin (Penn Dot Type) 2' x 2' x 2'	\$ 182	\$ 187
Type "M" Inlet Top with Bicycle Grate 2' x 4' x 8"	\$ 364	\$ 374
Type "M" Inlet Top with Bicycle Grate 2' x 4' x 6"	\$ 415	\$ 403
Type "M" Inlet Top with Bicycle Grate 2' x 2' x 8"	\$ 195	\$ 201
2' x 4' x 2" Inlet Riser	No Bid	No Bid
2' x 4' x 4" Inlet Riser	\$ 52	\$ 61
2' x 4' x 1" Inlet Riser	No Bid	No Bid
2' x 4' x 6" Inlet Riser	\$ 57	\$ 63
2' x 4' x 8" Inlet Riser	\$ 98	No Bid
2' x 4' x 12" Inlet Riser	\$ 90	\$ 85
2' x 4' x 1 ½ Inlet Riser	\$ 260	No Bid
2' x 2' x 1 ½ Inlet Riser	\$ 240	No Bid
Manhole Riser 1 ½ "	\$ 205	No Bid

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Brian Meridian to award the 2019 Catch Basins and Risers Bids to Pleasant Unity at the above prices. The contract shall be effective April 26, 2019 to April 25, 2020. Mr. Kerber explained that it would be best to buy all supplies off of one company so everything works together. Pleasant Unity is also in Westmoreland County and if we would need something right away, it won't take us long to get it. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for the following were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 10:00am as follows:

		Hanson Aggregates
		Deliver to Twp Bldg
1,000 ton	AASHTO #67	\$ 21.65

Joe Kerber made a motion, seconded by Brian Meridian to award the 2019 Stone Bid to Hanson Aggregates. The contract shall be effective April 26, 2019 to April 25, 2020. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 10:00am for "Township Mowing". They are as follows:

<p align="center">"TOWNSHIP MOWING" Includes the following locations</p>	<p align="center">Blaize Bazzo</p>	<p align="center">Russ's Lawn Service</p>	<p align="center">The Lawnfather</p>
<p>a) Township Building lawn including maintenance at the front and sides of the building b) Recreation Center lawn & bank facing Pike Street c) Guffey Cemetery d) Quaker Cemetery e) Shaner Honor Roll f) The Project 70 property located at the Sewickley Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 3 (Rillton) g) Reservoir Road Cemetery h) Lowber Playground (inside and outside of fence) i) Hutchinson Playground j) Township property located at Pike Street and Sewickley Avenue k) Cameron Avenue, Hutchinson</p>	<p align="center">\$405.00</p>	<p align="center">\$ 440.00</p>	<p align="center">\$ 565.00</p>

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to award the "Township Mowing" contract for the locations listed above to Blaize Bazzo. This includes the cutting and trimming of those locations when the height of the grass reaches four inches. The Contractor shall be responsible for labor, fuel, materials, equipment costs, and Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance. The contract shall be effective April 18, 2019. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to reject the received bids from Culvert's Inc., Pleasant Unity Supply, Chemung Supply and Ferguson Waterworks for the purchase of the annual requirements of plastic pipe fittings. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to re-bid for the purchase of the annual requirements of plastic pipe and fittings. The advertisement shall be published in Tribune Review on Saturday, April 20, 2019 and Wednesday April 24, 2019. Sealed proposals shall be received until 10:00am on Monday, May 6, 2019 and opened at that same date and time. Proposals shall be read aloud and recorded at a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held Monday May 6, 2019 at 7:00pm. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2019 amending the Township of Sewickley Code authorizing the denial of permits and approvals in accordance with Act No. 90-2010 for serious code violations and to further authorize the recovery of costs and penalties. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to adopt Resolution No. 14-2019 appointing Erika Horvat as the confidential contact person between Sewickley Township and Berkheimer for the purpose of sharing confidential tax information for official purposes. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve the rental of a mini excavator from Sunbelt Rentals at the following rates:

- Per Day - \$ 470.00
- Per Week - \$ 1,685.00
- Per month - \$ 3,375.00

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

Brian Meridian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to use Act 13 funds in the amount of \$6,145.34 and \$10,777.58 made payable to American Rock Salt. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Meridian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Meridian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to accept the quote from Rampart Security Systems in the amount of \$ 7,337.58. This is for a Security System to cover the inside and outside of the township building and to replace the smoke and heat detectors. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Meridian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Meridian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify Clint Strosko to work over his allotted hours on the payroll dates of April 12, 2019 and April 19, 2019. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Meridian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Meridian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to hire Sheri Geis to provide cleaning services at the EMA office up to 4 hours per month at \$ 10.00 per hour. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Meridian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:

Checks 10222 to 10242 - \$ 42,755.60 (3/26/19)
Checks 10243 to 10247 - \$ 8,605.42 (3/29/19)
Checks 10248 to 10254 - \$ 25,523.30 (4/3/19)
Checks 10255 to 10278 - \$ 36,199.21 (4/10/19)
Checks 10279 to 10292 - \$ 48,371.12 (4/17/19)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 627.79 (3/28/19)
S&T Loan - \$ 2,487.28 (4/1/19)
MAWC - \$ 88.50 (4/10/19)
Columbia Gas - \$ 248.95 (4/4/19)

Liquid Fuels: Check 502 - \$ 8,481.14

Crabapple:

Checks 4652 to 4653 - \$ 400.00 (3/26/19)
Check 4654 to 4655 - \$ 159.08 (4/3/19)
Checks 4656 to 4658 - \$ 236.70 (4/10/19)
Check 4659 - \$ 46.46 (4/17/19)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 57.66 (3/28/19)
First Energy - \$ 242.17 (4/10/19)

Recreation:

Checks 2812 to 2813 - \$ 276.64 (3/26/19)
Check 2814 - \$ 202.56 (4/3/19)
Check 2816 - \$ 88.98 (4/10/19)
Check 2817 - \$ 167.05 (4/17/19)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 747.78 (3/28/19)
Columbia Gas - \$ 386.14 (4/4/19)
MAWC - \$ 172.01 (4/17/19)

Payroll Invoices:

Check 5783 to 5784 - \$ 2,673.31 (3/27/19)
Check 5796 - \$ 378.37 (4/12/19)

ACH Payments: Payroll Liabilities \$ 1,079.71 (3/21/19)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,846.26 (3/22/19)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,726.94 (3/29/19)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 697.55 (4/3/19)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,631.84 (4/5/19)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 214.00 (4/5/19)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 78.50 (4/8/19)
Payroll Liabilities \$ 3,266.34 (4/12/19)

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

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

Employees Payroll:	(twp)	3/29/19 - \$ 12,250.73
	(twp)	4/5/19 - \$ 11,614.55
	(twp)	4/12/19 - \$ 14,736.05
	(twp)	4/19/19 - \$ 12,837.22

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

New / Old Business

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber approving Thoma Dumpster to place two large dumpsters over at Bruno Field on May 4 to provide the ability to collect and dispose of televisions. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Merdian wanted to make the residents aware that when he attended the PSATS convention, he went to a seminar regarding the 2020 census. In this seminar they stressed the importance of the residents filling out the paper work for this. This is something that you are required to complete. Please fill them out accurately and completely. There is a lot of decision making on the federal side when it comes to getting programs and funding that is based on the information from this information. You will hear more about the census over the next few months. Please tell your friends and neighbors about the importance of this.

With no further business to come before the Board, Brian Merdian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Kerber. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Erika Horvat
Secretary/Treasurer