

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm, 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 Daryl Dermotta, Tom Gradisek, Bill Luzar, Tracy Hampshire, Linda Harvey, James Balog, Bob Janzef, Judy Janzef, Kristin Janzef, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Kathy Kerber, Marci Suggars, Jeff Suggars, Margaret Sensui, Mary Ann Stevens, Jean Jones, Patricia Volpe, Marianne Errett, Mike Volpe, Wanda Layman, Alan Fossi, Robert MacPherson, Jill Petros, Rose Lavelle, Tom Lord, Oliver Kiehl, Pat Schmidt, Janet Schork, Attorney Kansler and Susan Leukhardt.

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

Mr. Petros stated for the record that there was an Executive Meeting held at 6:30 p.m. to address legal and personnel issues.

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

We have been out for five days sweeping the roads. Two days were spent repairing signs. Trees were trimmed on Morris Road and Shaner Road. The road crew was out patching roads for five days. A storm water/catch basin project was started on Pinewood Road and this is a very large project. We have been working there for two weeks. There was a two day delay due to the rain and had to do prep work for the park and pool so the pool could open. Also paved a section at the pool where the seven foot drainage pipe was replaced under the road. While the road crew was over there, they repaired the section by Arch's Lake on McCune Road that had washed away last year. At this time, Joe asked if there were any questions.

Resident Alan Fossi asked if Joe knew anything about the Ku Klux Klan flag that was displayed in the lunch area. Mr. Kerber stated he didn't know anything about it other than that that one of the residents gave it to one of the crew members. Mr. Fossi asked if the Board took any action. Mr. Kerber replied no.

### **Report from Ordinance Officer, Pat Schmidt**

The status of the ongoing delinquent garbage issue is we are now \$18,214.00 in the negative. A few of the property owners are working with Waste Management to rectify this issue. Throughout the month, Mr. Schmidt responded to 16 property complaints. Sent five (5) registered letters and filed three (3) sets of private criminal complaints. There were three (3) abandoned vehicles tagged on Yukon Road. He is also working with property owners going up Limerick Road. He withdrew one criminal complaint. One vacant duplex was torn down in the Rillton area which is why the criminal complaint was withdrawn. He phoned in one (1) complaint to the DEP regarding a sewage issue that the Road Crew had found. Mr. Schmidt asked that moving forward, if any resident has a police related matter, such as a resident being threatened by a neighbor, to please call the police. There is nothing the Ordinance Officer can do in cases like this. He is also working with several property owners regarding high grass/weeds. He is giving leniency due to the rainy weather and with better weather he is hoping these issues can be resolved. He stated that Joe Kerber found an article in the paper where the State will issue free cameras to use to monitor illegal dumping in certain areas. He hopes to have an answer regarding this in June.

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

#### **Recreation Center:**

All of our gym rentals and birthday parties have concluded for the season with the exception of our fitness classes which will continue year-round.

#### **Crabapple Pool:**

Our spring Park & Pool opening procedures are moving along on schedule. We will be opening the pool for Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 7:00pm. We will then be closed from Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, due to our limited staff until school is closed for the summer. We will be open for the season on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Memberships are available at the pool and through our Township website.

**Crabapple Park:**

Thank you to Alan Fossi for all his help weeding and planting the park flower beds. Also, thank you to Matt Yarkovich for weeding the Memorial Garden. The Herminie Boy Scout Troop 259 has requested use of the large pavilion at Crabapple Park at no cost each Thursday evening from June through September 5, 2019. In lieu of payment for facility use, the Boy Scouts will be weeding, edging, and mulching all of the flower beds at the park on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Crabapple Lake Park at 7:30 pm. Thank you to Joe Kerber and the Road Crew for all of the work done to repair the culvert pipe and roadway at the park.

**Rabies Clinic:**

Our Annual Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Crabapple Park Large Pavilion. The vaccines have been set at \$11.00 per rabies OR distemper shot per animal and \$20.00 per rabies AND distemper shot per animal. I want to acknowledge the passing of our Rabies Clinic Veterinarian friend, Dr. Fondrk. He was a quiet gentleman, but his commitment to our community spoke volumes and we will miss him at our annual rabies clinic. But, we welcome Dr. MaryAnn Bender who has graciously volunteered her veterinarian services to our clinic.

**Seton Hill Social Work Club:**

Thank you to the Seton Hill Social Work Club led by Jacob Mullaney. Jacob and the Seton Hill social work students, along with Yough High School administrative representatives and members of the Sewickley Watershed Association, volunteered on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in Herminie. Half of the group tackled litter in the Sewickley Creek where they filled 20 bags of garbage, unearthed over 40 tires, and four (4) television sets. The other group weeded, edged, and mulched the hillside at the Township Library/Recreation Center. Following the work, the Herminie Senior Center graciously served all the volunteers lunch. Thank you to these fine youth, students, and residents for all of their help. Also, thank you Joe Kerber for helping move the garbage to the dumpsters for us.

A resident asked about the rentals at the Rec Center. Has there been decline in use or problems there? Mrs. Schork replied that it started out slowly due to not knowing the condition of the gym floor which was a two month delay. It's adequate now. He asks if with some renovations, would the building still be feasible. Is the building structurally sound? Mr. Merdian stated that Gibson-Thomas did an inspection after the weather events of last fall and found to be stable at that time, but it needs a significant amount of work to give it the modern amenities it needs.

**Public Comment**

Bill Luzar asked about the storm and road project in Hutchinson. He asked if the drawings were available for viewing yet. Joe Kerber responded that they applied for the grant but they did not get it and are now asking MAWC if we can use the retention pond to dump our water into so we don't have to build another one. \$130,000.00 has been set aside to get started this summer as soon as Pinewood is finished and we get drawings from Gibson-Thomas. Brian Merdian also stated that we are reapplying for the grant as well.

Kristin Janzef asked if we started the site study for the area that could potentially be the new Library and Rec Center. Mr. Merdian stated that the Supervisors voted to give Gibson-Thomas authorization to start that study. No update yet.

Wanda Layman asked if there was harassment involved with Erika leaving her position. Attorney Kansler stated that it is a personnel matter and it cannot be discussed.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to ratify the acceptance of Erika Horvat's resignation delivered on May 10, 2019 and accepted on May 13, 2019. Ms. Horvat will be paid through May 31, 2019. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber: yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to adopt Resolution No. 16-2019 appointing Susan Leukhardt as Office Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the Township of Sewickley until the Reorganization Meeting to be held on Monday, January 6, 2020. Her compensation will be \$16.50 per hour with overtime at time and a half. This is effective May 13, 2019. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to appoint Susan Leukhardt as the Right to Know Officer. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

S & T Bank – mortgage payment	\$ 602.25
Schulte's – inspection & drive shaft	\$ 2,606.21
Murray Auto – alternator	\$ 1,454.61

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

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

Abco Fire Protection – fire extinguisher maintenance	\$ 632.57
Rescue Store LLC – jaws of life tools	\$ 801.50

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

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

Harris Auto Repair – state inspection & maintenance	\$ 779.13
Kenworth – rescue 85 annual maintenance	\$ 1,683.57
Harris Auto Repair – state inspection	\$ 50.00

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

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

Premier Safety – safety gear	\$ 224.93
Amazon – water resistance materials	\$ 74.85
Bearcom - monthly maintenance on portable radios	\$ 92.00
Comcast – monthly phone & internet	\$ 249.97

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 to A. Folino Construction for the CDBG Herminie Storm Sewer Replacement Project in the amount of \$57,294.00. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to adopt Resolution 17-2019 for submitting an application to PA DCED GTRP Program for funding to renovate the tennis court area of Crabapple Lake Park. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to sell the 1987 Gradall G660C to Rick Burkholder, the highest bidder, in the amount of \$4,600.00. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to authorize West Penn Power to install two (2) LED street lights in the parking lot of the Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Department and for the Township to assume the financial responsibility of the lights. This is a safety issue for the members and residents who visit their building. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to authorize the renewal of the Township vision insurance through Highmark. The rates are the same as the past benefit period. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to authorize the renewal of the Township dental insurance through United Concordia. There is an increase of \$0.62 per month for individual dental coverage and \$1.88 increase for family. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to approve a lease option for a Canon C3500 III Series color copier, printer, scanner, and fax through Ford Business Machines, Inc. in the amount of \$270.00 per month for 60 months. This is a savings of \$100 per month from the previous lease. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to ratify Janet Schork to work over her allotted hours on the payroll date of May 17, 2019. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to ratify Clint Strosko to work over his allotted hours on the payroll dates of May 10, 2019, and May 17, 2019. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to authorize the Sewickley Township Recreation Department use of the Large Pavilion at Crabapple Park on Saturday, June 1, 2019, from 11:00am to 1:00pm for their Annual Rabies Clinic. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to authorize Herminie Boy Scout Troop 259 use of the Large Pavilion at Crabapple Park at no cost each Thursday evening from June 6, 2019 through September 5, 2019. In lieu of payment for facility use, the Boy Scouts will be assisting Park Maintenance and perform Lake and Park cleanup on May 13, 2019. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to authorize the use of Crabapple Park and the placement of biodegradable floating lanterns on Crabapple Lake on Thursday, May 23, 2019 for the annual Candlelight Vigil and to waive any fees that may be involved. This will be held from 7:30pm to dusk. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to offer the Crabapple Pool and Township employee's families a 20% discount on their 2019 season pool passes and pavilion rentals. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber, to hire the following employees to work the 2019 season at Crabapple Pool at the rates listed below.

**2019  
CRABAPPLE EMPLOYEE LIST**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	<b>PAY RATE PER HOUR</b>
<b>MANAGER</b>	<b>YVONNE SHAWL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14.50</b>
<b>ASSISTANT MANAGER</b>	<b>ALEX SCHORK</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>ASSISTANT MANAGER</b>	<b>JULIA DANDAR</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>ASSISTANT MANAGER</b>	<b>MEGAN VANYO</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>LIFEGUARDS</b>	<b>ALEX SCHORK</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10.00</b>
	<b>MEGAN VANYO</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9.00</b>
	<b>JULIA DANDAR</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9.00</b>

	REBECCA GEBADLO	3	8.75
	CAROLINE MIGNOGNA	3	8.75
	GABRIEL KOSARDO	2	8.50
	ALAINA GETTAMY	2	8.50
NEW	MARIA VANYO	1	8.25
NEW	SETH BAIRADI	1	8.25
NEW	EMILY MITCHELL	1	8.25
NEW	MEAGAN JORDAN	1	8.25
NEW	JACQUELINE SUMPAN	1	8.25
NEW	NICK PINGREE	1	8.25
NEW	MANYA OLSHANSKI	1	8.25
NEW	AUSTIN LIVSEY	1	8.25
CONCESSION	BRADEY BONSELL	3	8.35
	DANNY SHAWL	3	8.35
	EMILY CLEARY	2	8.10
	ASHLYN ROLL	2	8.10
	JORDAN LOY (FILL IN)	2	8.10
NEW	HUNTER CARPER	1	7.85
NEW	HAYLEY O'CONNER	1	7.85
NEW	GEHRIG O'CONNER	1	7.85
NEW	EMILY WATSON	1	7.85
NEW	ANNA BROWN	1	7.85

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

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

**General Fund:**

Checks 10293 to 10310 - \$ 34,470.87 (4/24/19)  
 Checks 10311 to 10325 - \$ 26,927.12 (5/1/19)  
 Checks 10326 to 10348 - \$ 13,185.10 (5/9/19)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 62.79 (5/11/19)  
 Columbia Gas - \$ 113.67 (5/6/19)  
 First Energy - \$ 376.03 (4/26/19)  
 First Energy - \$ 11.39 (4/26/19)  
 First Energy - \$ 49.02 (4/26/19)  
 First Energy - \$ 47.95 (4/26/19)

**Crabapple:**

Checks 4660 to 4664 - \$ 1,490.36 (5/2/19)  
 Checks 4665 to 4675 - \$ 2,764.90 (5/10/19)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 36.10 (4/26/19)  
 First Energy - \$ 14.03 (4/26/19)  
 First Energy - \$ 108.84 (5/10/19)  
 First Energy - \$ 132.40 (5/10/19)

**Liquid Fuels:** Check 503 - \$ 27,415.90

**Recreation:**

Checks 2818 to 2821 - \$ 266.27 (4/24/19)  
 Checks 2822 to 2824 - \$ 586.25 (5/2/19)  
 Check 2825 - \$ 19.98 (5/9/19)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 163.44 (5/17/19)  
 Columbia Gas - \$ 354.45 (4/4/19)  
 First Energy - \$ 17.17 (4/26/19)  
 First Energy - \$ 548.72 (4/26/19)  
 First Energy - \$ 13.70 (4/26/19)  
 Columbia Gas - \$ 119.15 (5/6/19)

**Payroll Invoices:**

Check 5801 - \$ 3,854.29 (4/18/19)  
 Checks 5806 to 5807 - \$ 2,130.00 (4/24/19)  
 Check 5818 - \$ 426.67 (5/9/19)

ACH Payments: Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,914.42 (4/18/19)  
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 3,276.34 (4/26/19)  
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 3,162.86 (5/3/19)  
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 7,471.82 (5/10/19)  
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 3,444.30 (5/17/19)  
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 754.25 (4/23/19)  
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 1,069.84 (5/7/19)  
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 743.08 (4/12/19)  
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 1,398.63 (4/5/19)

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

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

<b>Employees Payroll:</b>	(twp)	4/26/19 - \$	13,800.38
	(twp)	5/3/19 - \$	13,448.31
	(twp)	5/10/19 - \$	24,237.96
	(twp)	5/17/19 - \$	13,466.53
	(pool)	5/17/19 - \$	1,499.16

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

### **New / Old Business**

Skip Wees would like to thank the Business Association for the \$500.00 donation to Emergency Management. The donation was used for four submersible pumps for flooding situations.

With no further business to come before the Board, Brian Merdian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Kerber. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mr. Kerber; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt  
Secretary-Treasurer