

Chairman Mark Petros on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building called the Reorganization Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Friday, December 27, 2019. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Mark Petros, Brian Merdian, and Linda Harvey. Also attending the meeting were Daryl Dermotta, Millie Blanish, Jim Harvey, Connie Crossen-Bosko, Rich Bosko, Marci Suggars, Ken Cipra, Brian Kumpf, Chuck Schropp, Jeff Suggars, Jill Petros, Bob Janzef, Judy Janzef, Jack McWilliams, Ann McWilliams, Mary Neel, Richard Neel, Alan Fossi, Marianne Errett, Wanda Layman, Donald Layman, Jackie Kumpf, Solicitor Kansler, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held on January 6, 2020 at 6:30pm to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to appoint Mark Petros as temporary Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros called for nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to appoint Mark Petros as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to appoint Brian Merdian as Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution No. 1-2020 reappointing Susan Leukhardt as Secretary-Treasurer and Office Manager of the Township of Sewickley until the Reorganization Meeting to be held on Monday, January 4, 2021. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Daryl Dermotta spoke in regards to the new Public Comment Rules. There isn't enough time to read the agenda from the time we walk into the meeting room to when the meeting starts. Mr. Petros and Mr. Merdian stated that the agendas will be available in waiting area of the Township Building and on the website by 2:30pm on meeting day.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 2-2020 setting the compensation and benefits for the Secretary-Treasurer / Office Manager of the Township of Sewickley as follows: This shall be effective January 1, 2020.

- \$ 18.25 regular hourly wage up to 40 hours per week
- \$ 27.38 overtime wage
- 11 paid holidays
- 4 weeks paid vacation
- 5 paid sick days
- 5 paid personal days

She elects to take the prorated healthcare buyout by waiving major medical, but has dental and vision coverage. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to adopt Resolution No. 3-2020 appointing Jackie Kumpf as Assistant Secretary of the Township of Sewickley and setting the compensation as follows effective January 1, 2020. This will be until the Reorganization Meeting to be held on Monday, January 4, 2021.

\$ 15.50 regular hourly wage up to 40 hours per week
\$ 23.25 overtime wage
11 paid holidays
1 week paid vacation (after anniversary date)
3 paid sick days
2 paid personal days

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to adopt Resolution No. 4-2020 appointing Tom Mignogna as Public Works Director for the Township of Sewickley. Salary will be \$52,000.00 per year. No additional compensation will be paid for overtime worked. Major medical, dental, and vision is also offered as compensation for this position. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to accept the following resignations:

Sondra Dull as Township Auditor effective December 20, 2019
Tracy Hice as Township Cleaning Person effective December 29, 2019
James Harvey as Deputy Tax Collector effective December 31, 2019

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution No. 5-2020 setting the compensation of the following Township of Sewickley employees until the Reorganization Meeting to be held on Monday, January 4, 2021. These rates shall be effective January 1, 2020.

Joe Pocsatko, Ordinance Officer - \$ 14.00 per hour
Janet Schork, Recreation Director - \$ 15.50 per hour
Yvonne Shawl, Assistant Recreation Director - \$ 13.00 per hour
Yvonne Shawl, Pool Manager - \$ 14.50 per hour
Clint Strosko, Recreation/Township Maintenance - \$ 15.25 per hour
Clint Strosko, Crabapple Maintenance - \$ 14.50

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to appoint Susan Leukhardt as Interim Tax Collector. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 6-2020 deputizing Keystone Collections Group as the Deputy Real Estate Tax Collector. This is contingent upon and not effective until the Township Solicitor's approval of a written agreement between the Township and Keystone Collections Group. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes ; Mr. Merdian, abstain ; Mrs. Harvey, yes. Motion passed.

Tabled motion to adopt Resolution No. 7-2020 approving Keystone Collections Group as the Per Capita Tax Collector. This is contingent upon and not effective until the Township Solicitor's approval of a written agreement between the Township and Keystone Collections Group.

Tabled motion to adopt Resolution No. 8-2020 establishing costs of collection for delinquent taxes and imposing the cost of such collection upon the delinquent taxpayer.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to advertise for a Township Building Cleaning Person. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to set the Treasurer's Bond at \$2,000,000 with H.A. Thomson with a premium \$2,486.00 each for Susan Leukhardt and Jackie Kumpf. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to retain The Law Offices of Tremba Kinney as Solicitor for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to retain Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. as Engineer for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 9-2020 appointing Horner, Wible & Terek to make an examination of all the accounts of the Township for fiscal year 2019. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution 10-2020 reappointing Regola Consulting as a private consultant for The Township of Sewickley for a term of four (4) years. Voting: Mr. Petros, no ; Mr. Merdian, yes ; Mrs. Harvey, no. Motion does not pass.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 11-2020 reappointing Mike Stack as the Building, Sewage, and Zoning Officer for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 12-2020 appointing Donald Mansfield as Chairman of the Vacancy Board to the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 13-2020 reappointing Glen Wees as the Township of Sewickley's Emergency Management Coordinator. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 14-2020 increasing the Planning Commission's monthly meeting pay to \$25.00 per meeting. The Secretary rate will remain \$10.00 per meeting. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 15-2020 reappointing John Cochran to the Sewickley Township Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2024. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 16-2020 reappointing Peter Cherellia to the Sewickley Township Zoning Board for a term of five (5) years. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2025. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 17-2020 appointing the following to the Municipal Sewage Authority of Sewickley Township for terms of four (4) years. These terms shall expire the first Monday of January, 2024. There are six (6) openings on the MSATS Board.

Alan Fossi
Jon Turik
Brian Merdian
Larry Arch
Rich Bosko
Dennis Gyory

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to appoint the following authorized representatives to make purchases from the Federal Surplus Property Program:

Mark Petros
Brian Merdian
Linda Harvey
Susan Leukhardt

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to notify the Pennsylvania State Police and 911 of the persons to be notified in case of an emergency after business hours as:

- (1) Chairperson
- (2) Vice-Chairperson
- (3) Supervisor
- (4) Public Works Director

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution No. 18-2020 appointing Tom Mignogna as the Official Contact Person for the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Program. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to appoint Brian Merdian as the representative and Mark Petros as the alternate representative for the Township of Sewickley at the Central Westmoreland Council of Government meetings. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to appoint Brian Merdian as the representative and Mark Petros as the alternate representative for the Township of Sewickley at the Indiana-Westmoreland Council of Government meetings. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to reappoint First National Bank of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust as depositories for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Mark Petros, Brian Merdian, and Linda Harvey as delegates to the 98th Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' to be held May 3, 2020 to May 6, 2020 at the Hershey Lodge and to direct that delegates be paid their regular wage, if any, from the Township of Sewickley while attending the conventions. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to appoint Mark Petros as the voting delegate for the Township of Sewickley at the PSATS Annual Convention. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution No. 19-2020 establishing the allowable mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service at \$.575 cents per mile. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, authorizing the proper officials to pay payroll and those bills at discount or that accrue penalties between meetings. Bills paid through this procedure shall be presented at the next regular meeting for subsequent approval. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

No New / Old Business

With no further business to come before the Board, Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer