

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00pm, called the Regular 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 Jim Harvey, Bill Luzar, Jay Stevens, Kate McKinley, Marci Suggars, Janet Bentz, Jeff Suggars, Margaret Sensue, Linda Knor, Josh Dolnack, Erika Shedlock, Alan Fossi, Pete Faletto, Danny Sigut, Peter Faletto, Rodger Holsing, Janet Schork, Tom Mignogna, Solicitor Mark Hamilton, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Mignogna

We are still sanitizing and disinfecting the offices, restrooms, shop, and equipment daily. This month's Safety Toolbox and video was on backhoe, heavy equipment, operator safety. Placed large rock around the Bruno Field sign to protect it from traffic. We received the first order of signage and are in the process of installing them. There will be a second order of signs coming in from the rash of theft. We had a jet vac company come in and clear storm pipes along Dick Station and Pinewood Roads. We did the berm restoration work on Pinewood Road. It is complete. The guiderail along Creek Road has been replaced after an accident happened there. The mowing tractor has still been out almost every day, weather permitting. And for the past couple of weeks, the crew has been doing road repair work on Balentine Road, Kalamazoo Road, and Morris Road.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Rodger Holsing

Properties in Violation	49
Properties Complied w/ Violation Notice	32
Properties in Progress of Being in Compliance	9
Criminal Charges Filed / Pending	2
Other Circumstances/ Refer to Other Agencies	3
Beginning the Process of Condemning Properties	3

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

- We have three (3) Crabapple Park Pavilion rentals remaining this season. Also, the Library is using the pavilion for their story time activity.
- Clint Strosko, Park & Pool Maintenance, has started the pool shutdown. Once fall baseball is over, water can be turned off and finish the winterizing procedures.
- Maintenance work is ongoing at Crabapple Park and playgrounds.
- Using guidelines set forth by the CDC, PA Department of Health, and the National Recreation & Parks Association, we will be opening the Recreation Center to sports groups in October. All groups must observe all the restrictions and guidelines. Copies of these guidelines will be given to each participant with their rental packet prior to renting.
- P90X classes have resumed on Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am. Walk-ins are welcome. The cost is \$10 per class.
- We will suspend birthday party rentals until restrictions allow for groups of more than 25 to gather indoors.
- The Recreation Center rates for the 2020-2021 gym season are listed on the agenda for approval by the Board of Supervisors.
- I will be focusing on upgrading the website and incorporating a digital newsletter over the next month or two.
- Finally, my time has been spent between website maintenance, park & recreation center support, and directing the maintenance crew at the pool.

Report from Treasurer, Susan Leukhardt – August, 2020

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
FNB General Fund	\$ 55,656.93	\$ 105,911.38	\$ 96,245.01	\$ 65,323.30
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 207,014.12	\$ 102,607.37	\$ 75,000	\$ 234,621.49
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 219,739.36	\$ 609.09	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 209,348.45

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2020. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Jay Stevens stated that the residents of Wineberry Ridge are very appreciative of the road getting paved. He asked where it stands on the Township taking over the road. Solicitor Hamilton stated that he is preparing the necessary paperwork.

Janet Bentz of the Sewickley Township Public Library Board of Directors read a statement asking if their understanding is correct in moving forward independently from the Recreation Center and the Supervisors willingness to provide a parcel of land for the new Library. They are very eager to move on with their plans. They look forward to continuing the relationship between the Township and Library and hope we will all soon be able to provide the accommodations that serve all the needs of our community. The Board of Supervisors stated that the Library has always been included in the plans for a Recreation Center. The agenda last month and this month show that the Township is starting the process to move forward and that would include the Library. The Library is an asset and we are very fortunate to have one.

Bill Luzar asked if a referendum will be put on the ballot to see if Township's taxpayers will support a new Recreation Building and Library. Mr. Merdian replied that they have said nothing to the effect of taxpayers funding this. The Township owned property in Rillton is four (4) to five (5) acres that is ready to build on without having to pay for a piece of land. We have an opportunity now, with a lot more work to be done, to build a new structure without putting a levy on any taxpayers in this Township, without spending any taxpayer dollars, for brick and mortar construction. This new facility would be an asset to our community and would bring people in from other townships that don't have a Recreation Center.

Mr. Luzar asked what the status is on the two (2) street lights at Hutchinson Firehall. Mr. Petros responded that we were under the impression that they were installed. We will look into this again. He then asked about the reclamation of the new paving project in Hutchinson. Who is responsible for the work? Mr. Merdian replied that Tresco is responsible. He has concerns with the Township paying the Change Order amount that is on the agenda. Regarding Wineberry Ridge, who is paying for the engineering and legal fees to take over the road? Solicitor Hamilton stated that the dedication of a road by the Township is paid for by the Township. Mr. Merdian added that we will receive liquid fuels money when we take over the road. Mr. Luzar then asked if the insurance on the agenda was competitively bid. Mr. Merdian responded yes.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to disburse 2019 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Department as follows:

Webb's Service Center, Inc. – repair board charger on engine	\$ 783.30
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Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to disburse 2019 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Bearcom – monthly maintenance on portable radios	\$ 92.00
Comcast – monthly EOC phone & internet	\$ 226.93
PennCare – zip front coveralls w/ hood	\$ 239.00

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to prepare a centerline description of Wineberry Ridge Court. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise Ordinance 2-2020 accepting Wineberry Ridge Court into the Sewickley Township road system and receive Liquid Fuels funding. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Invoice #1 (Final) in the amount of \$71,345.99 to Derry Construction for the Wineberry Ridge Paving Project. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to commence conceptual/preliminary design of a new Recreation Center/Library Building for the purpose of budgeting and funding requests. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to prepare and submit applications to the Westmoreland County Planning Department requesting funds from the CDBG Program for the 2021 calendar year on behalf of Sewickley Township. These applications will be made to help fund a storm sewer / paving project in two (2) areas. First being Cowansburg. Second being Whyles. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to submit a grant application(s) to the Westmoreland County Conservation District for the Dirt, Gravel, & Low Volume Roads Program and have Tom Mignogna, Public Works Director, be certified for this program. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey to ratify the approval of Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$213,074.10 to Tresco Paving Corp. for the Hutchinson Storm Sewer/Paving Program, Contract 3/2020. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to table Change Order No. 2 (\$56,372.25) and Pay Estimate No. 2 (Final - \$446,983.40) to Tresco Paving Corp. for the Hutchinson Storm Sewer/Paving Program, Contract 3/2020. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to purchase Bituminous Stockpile Patching material (cold mix) through Hei-Way, LLC which is also through the COSTARS Program. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the Spisak Plan #3 located on Whyte Road. This subdivision divides Lot 2 containing 5.00 acres from the residual Lot 1 that has 5.1307 acres. Public water and gas are available on the property with on-lot sewage. A Sewage Module for Lot 2 was included. Lot 1 contains an existing dwelling and several out buildings. This plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Letters have been received from the following residents regarding the waiving of their residential garbage service due to them composting, recycling, vacant properties, etc.

Anthony & Sue Bazzo, 2994 Clay Pike & 2968 Clay Pike, Rillton
Michael Beddick, 217 Clinton Drive (215 Clinton Drive), Herminie
William & Dolores Beynon, 1587 Mars Hill Road, Sutersville
Salvador Hernandez, 34 5th Street, Herminie
Cheryl Hildenbrand, 121 McGrew Hill Road, Irwin
Fred Moran, 1510 Mars Hill Road, Sutersville
Francis & Lisa Nickels, 402 Sewickley Avenue, Herminie
Jeff & Kristine Wheaton, 106 Treetop Lane, Irwin

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to waive the above residents' residential garbage service and all bills relating to garbage pickup through Waste Management. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to sell the 1999 Mack Triaxle RD 6885 as is to Peter Falletto in the amount of \$12,500.00. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to consent to the sale of tax map parcel 58-14-00-0-023 pursuant to a bid made to the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau and directing the Secretary to advise the Bureau of the same in writing. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the renewal of Township Property, General Liability Insurance, and Workers Compensation Insurance through Rupp-Fiore Insurance Management, Inc. The premium for the Workers Compensation Insurance is \$54,262.00 which is an increase of \$10,784.00. The premium for the General Liability Insurance is \$41,718.00 which is an increase of \$7,289.00 from last year. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the following rental rates for the 2020-2021 season at the Sewickley Township Recreation Center. These rates are recommended by the Recreation Director.

Sewickley Township Resident Rental	\$ 40.00 per hour
Non-Sewickley Township Resident Rental	\$ 60.00 per hour
Weekday Monday through Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm	\$ 20.00 per hour
Birthday Party Resident Rental	\$ 50.00 per hour
Birthday Party Non-Sewickley Township Resident Rental	\$ 55.00 per hour
Senior Monday & Wednesday Morning Basketball Flat Rate	\$ 775
Senior Friday Morning Volleyball Flat Rate	\$ 260
Senior Sewickley Township Indoor Flyers Flat Rate	\$ 575
The Church Gym Class One (1) Hour Weekly Flat Rate	\$ 150
Yoga/Fitness Room Monthly Rental	\$ 100 per month

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to ratify Perfection Cleaning Inc. as the Recreation Center cleaning company. Rate is \$120.00 for weekly cleaning. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Saturday, October 31, 2020
 12:30pm – Parade line up at VFW & Church Street
 1:00pm – Parade begins
 3:00pm to 6:00pm – Trick or Treating

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

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

General Fund:

Checks 11409 to 11422 - \$ 26,629.60 (8/26/20)
 Checks 11423 to 11437 - \$ 3,168.73 (9/1/20)
 Checks 11438 to 11439 - \$ 6,555.11 (9/2/20)
 Checks 11440 to 11456 - \$ 9,078.17 (9/10/20)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 329.86 (8/24/20)
 First Energy - \$ 81.37 (8/24/20)
 First Energy - \$ 34.30 (8/24/20)
 First Energy - \$ 10.17 (8/24/20)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 27.10 (9/1/20)
 S & T Loan - \$ 5,252.37 (9/15/20)

Act 13 Impact Fee:

Checks 1105 to 1107 - \$ 2,826.40 (8/31/20)
 Checks 1108 to 1110 - \$ 599.00 (9/10/20)

Crabapple:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 46.15 (8/24/20)
 First Energy - \$ 25.19 (8/24/20)
 First Energy - \$ 116.11 (9/8/20)
 First Energy - \$ 96.65 (9/8/20)

Liquid Fuels:

Check 528 - \$ 213,074.10 (9/2/20)

Payroll Invoices:

Checks 6345 to 6346 - \$ 2,467.19 (8/26/20)
 Check 6349 - \$ 402.55 (9/16/20)

ACH Payments: Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,497.14 (8/21/20)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,493.28 (8/28/20)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 611.89 (9/3/20)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,471.42 (9/4/20)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,498.34 (9/11/20)

Recreation:

Check 2888 - \$ 176.40 (8/26/20)
Check 2889 - \$ 42.18 (9/1/20)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (8/19/20)
MAWC - \$ 30.97 (8/19/20)
First Energy - \$ 336.63 (8/24/20)
First Energy - \$ 17.36 (8/24/20)
First Energy - \$ 14.76 (8/24/20)
Columbia Gas - \$ 33.73 (9/1/20)

Reserve:

Check 2019 - \$ 6,000.00 (8/13/20)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,226.73 (9/3/20)
First Energy - \$ 604.47 (9/3/20)
First Energy - \$ 380.29 (9/3/20)

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the following payrolls for payment:

Employees Payroll: 8/28/20 - \$ 10,735.25
9/4/20 - \$ 10,608.35
9/11/20 - \$ 10,691.18
9/18/20 - \$ 10,159.72

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

New / Old Business

The Dick Station Road Guiderail Project will be advertised on October 2, 2020 with the bid opening on October 14, 2020 at 10:00am.

The Highway Occupancy Permit in Rillton is moving forward through Gibson-Thomas Engineering.

The tree blocking the HW Good School Zone lights has been cut back.

With no further business to come before the Board, Linda Harvey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Petros. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer