

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 7:20pm, 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 John Seanor, Mary Ann Stevens, Jay Stevens, Carol Hevia, Linda Pihonsky, Jeff Suggars, Norm Vinsick, Tom Mignogna, Rodger Holsing, Janet Schork, Solicitor Mark Hamilton, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held this evening, Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 6:00pm to discuss legal matters.

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Mignogna

The daily sanitizing and disinfecting are still being done daily. Our Safety Toolbox meeting this month was on Severe Weather Safety. In the past month, we finished the berm work along Balentine Road, Morris Road, Kalamazoo Road, Creek Road, Dick Station Road (as far as we could until the guard railing is replaced), and a part of Firehall Road that was washed out. The spreader boxes have been put on the trucks for winter maintenance and the fleet has been out on a dry run to work out any issues we may have. The EMA generator has been serviced this month. It was used this past weekend when we had the high wind weather event. The Christmas lights were gone over and put up on Sewickley Avenue in Herminie on November 6th. We had 43 PA One Call requests for us to go out and mark our stormwater drains and pipes from other utilities and private contractors. We had a couple of high wind weather events the past two weeks that kept us busy cleaning up trees, limbs, and other debris along with clearing our catch basin grates. The pothole list never seems to end. We are working on that list when permitted. And the signage is still an ongoing project.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Rodger Holsing

Properties in Violation - 74

Properties Complied w/violation notice - 49

Properties in progress w/compliance - 18

Criminal Charges filed/pending - 1

Other Circumstances/Refer to other agencies - 8

Cases that went before the Magistrate – 9 total with 6 being fined and 0 continuances.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Crabapple Park & Pool:

- Clint Strosko, Park & Pool Maintenance, will be completing park, pool, ballfield winterizing this week.
- Clint will also continue performing fall/winter maintenance at the playgrounds and park.
- Crabapple Park is now closed to vehicular traffic for the season. We ask that you do not block the park gates for entryway into the park in case of an emergency.
- Also, a reminder that hunting is prohibited on park property.

Recreation Center:

- The Recreation Center is open and rental spots are almost filled. All weekday evenings and Sunday afternoons are full. We do have a few time slots open on Saturday afternoon and Sunday mornings. I have offered those time slots to groups on our waiting list.
- Groups are required to observe all restrictions and guidelines set forth by the CDC and PA Department of Health including the updated mask mandate requiring ALL coaches, athletes, and spectators to wear

a face mask at all times including during physical activity on the basketball court. The new mandate was communicated to all Recreation Center users this afternoon.

Website:

- I am in the process of evaluating templates that will be used in a new Township website. I have narrowed the search to two (2) designs. Also, I am evaluating the best website mode of transmission for our township digital newsletter. The Board of Supervisors and I will be looking at all options and deciding very soon.

Report from Treasurer, Susan Leukhardt – October, 2020

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
FNB General Fund	\$ 71,885.51	\$ 86,125.52	\$ 121,264.77	\$ 36,746.26
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 203,056.56	\$ 26,122.43	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 179,178.99
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 141,941.77	\$ 48.65	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 109,490.42

Sewickley Township Public Library Events and Programs – Jeff Suggars

The Adult Reading Program is coming to a close this week. The giveaway is gift cards and this year we chose to support local businesses in Herminie, West Newton, and Irwin. They include Zala's, Herminie Diner, Bloom Brew, Crooked Creek Distillery, Trailside, Green Berry Café, and Feather's Boutique.

Outdoor Story Time at Crabapple was very successful this fall averaging twelve (12) kids and nine (9) parents each week.

Take and Make Craft kits will be available throughout November and December. These will include a Polar Express themed craft that will coincide with live stream storytelling. Date and time to be announced.

Due to the fall fundraiser being canceled, the Library is holding a virtual Chinese Auction (Basket Raffle). Go to sewickleytownshiplibrary.ourraffle.org to view the baskets and purchase tickets.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2020. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

John Seanor asked about if there is any news regarding who will be moving into Commerce Crossings. Mr. Merdian responded that four (4) parcels have options on them. The TIF will take effect when the construction is completed and properties are occupiable.

Jay Stevens thanked the Supervisors for their hard work on getting Wineberry Ridge Court in the Township road system. He then asked if the Township has been in contact with the Conservation District. Mr. Petros and Mr. Merdian stated they have not had any contact with the Conservation District regarding Wineberry Ridge. Solicitor Hamilton stated that the Township has done everything under the Developer's Agreement.

Carol Hevia asked if the Township received the letter regarding the street light. Mr. Merdian stated that the Supervisors are considering the request.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to disburse 2019 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Department as follows:

Murray Auto Electric & Radio – squad alternator	\$ 923.05
Palko Truck & Trailer Shop – install turbo boot and clamps	\$ 86.75

Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; 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	\$ 226.91

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to advertise the availability of the Proposed Budget for 2021 with public inspection being made possible at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm beginning Monday, November 30, 2020. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise Ordinance 3-2020, Stormwater Management and Land Disturbance for Sewickley Township. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to adopt Resolution 29-2020 accepting Wineberry Ridge Court into the Sewickley Township road system and receive Liquid Fuels funding. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise Ordinance 4-2020 establishing a speed limit of 25 mph on Pierce Road. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve Paychex for payroll and human resources for 2021. The cost is \$338.60 per week. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to renew Property and Casualty Coverage for all Sewickley Fire Companies with Varine-Slavin using Provident Fire Plus at the premiums below. Policy is effective from December 18, 2020 to December 17, 2021. This is a savings of approximately \$6,300.00 from the previous year.

Herminie Fire Company:	\$ 11,745.00
Lowber Fire Company:	\$ 11,586.00
Rillton Fire Company:	\$ 10,466.00
Hutchinson Fire Company:	\$ 10,496.00

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to accept Avalene Cantini's resignation as Township Auditor effective November 9, 2020. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to adopt Resolution No. 30-2020 appointing Josh Dolnack to the Sewickley Township Cultural Commission for a term of four (4) years. This term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2024. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:

Checks 11534 to 11546 - \$ 45,758.59 (10/22/20)
 Checks 11547 to 11554 - \$ 2,499.07 (10/27/20)
 Checks 11555 to 11568 - \$ 7,492.55 (11/3/20)
 Checks 11569 to 11591 - \$ 10,555.99 (11/12/20)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 287.34 (10/26/20)
 First Energy - \$ 71.86 (10/26/20)
 First Energy - \$ 53.44 (10/26/20)
 First Energy - \$ 10.21 (10/26/20)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 51.72 (10/30/20)
 MAWC - \$ 62.79 (11/13/20)

Act 13 Impact Fee:

Check 1114 - \$ 51,957.90 (10/22/20)
 Check 1115 - \$ 345.43 (11/3/20)
 Check 1116 - \$ 113.96 (11/3/20)

Crabapple:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 58.38 (10/26/20)
 First Energy - \$ 29.03 (10/26/20)
 First Energy - \$ 114.47 (11/9/20)
 First Energy - \$ 95.43 (11/9/20)
 Cred Card Machine - \$ 29.82 (11/10/20)

Liquid Fuels:

Check 529 - \$ 150,000.00 (10/22/20)

MSATS Sale Account:

Check 1004 - \$ 296,983.40 (10/22/20)
 Check 1005 - \$ 50,253.82 (10/23/20)
 Check 1006 - \$ 31,162.26 (11/10/20)

Payroll Invoices:

Checks 6359 to 6360 - \$ 3,291.14 (10/27/20)
 Check 6362 - \$ 402.55 (11/16/20)

ACH Payments: Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,496.64 (10/23/20)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,452.32 (10/30/20)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 967.23 (11/4/20)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,777.62 (11/6/20)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,411.76 (11/13/20)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 694.92 (11/18/20)

Recreation:

Check 2893 - \$ 176.41 (10/27/20)
 Checks 2894 to 2895 - \$ 255.85 (11/3/20)
 Check 2896 - \$120.00 (11/12/20)
 MAWC - \$ 123.90 (10/19/20)
 MAWC - \$ 30.97 (10/19/20)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (10/19/20)
 MAWC - \$ 30.97 (10/19/20)
 First Energy - \$ 302.57 (10/26/20)
 First Energy - \$ 19.85 (10/26/20)
 First Energy - \$ 15.90 (10/26/20)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 38.96 (10/30/20)

Reserve:

Check 2024 - \$ 500.00 (10/27/20)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,200.89 (11/2/20)
 First Energy - \$ 597.53 (11/2/20)
 First Energy - \$ 375.94 (11/2/20)

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

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

Employees Payroll:	10/30/20 - \$ 10,462.19
	11/6/20 - \$ 14,177.89
	11/13/20 - \$ 10,205.96
	11/20/20 - \$ 13,447.83

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

New / Old Business

The Township Building will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2020 and Friday, November 27, 2020.

The 21st Annual Sewickley Township Light Up Night scheduled for December 5, 2020 unfortunately has been canceled.

With no further business to come before the Board, Linda Harvey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Merdian. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer