

Vice-Chairman, Brian Merdian, on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 7:05pm, called the Regular Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Friday, December 27, 2019. This meeting was held through teleconference. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Brian Merdian and Linda Harvey. Mark Petros was absent due to plowing and salt Township roads during a snow storm. Also attending the meeting were Margaret Sensui, Solicitor Mark Hamilton, and Susan Leukhardt.

Brian Merdian led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Public Works Director – given by Brian Merdian

Mr. Merdian stated there was no report, but the snow storm is being addressed and we are doing whatever we can to make sure the roads are passable as quickly as possible.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork – given by Brian Merdian

Crabapple Park & Pool:

- Clint Strosko, Park & Pool Maintenance, completed park, pool, and field winterizing.
- Crabapple Park is closed to vehicular traffic for the season; however, the Park is open year-round to fishing, walkers, runners, and pets (on leash) from 8:00am to dusk.
- Also, a reminder that hunting is prohibited on park and Township property.

Recreation Center:

- In response to Governor Wolf's announcement on December 10th regarding additional COVID-19 protective mitigation measures needed, the Recreation Center has suspended all rentals and activities from December 12, 2020 through January 4, 2021.

Report from Treasurer, Susan Leukhardt – November, 2020

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
FNB General Fund	\$ 36,746.26	\$ 84,098.06	\$ 91,951.92	\$ 28,892.40
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 179,178.99	\$ 98,729.33	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 227,908.32
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 109,490.42	\$ 32.79	\$ 500.00	\$ 109,023.21

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on November 18, 2020. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

No Public Comment

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

HC Global – five (5) minitor batteries	\$ 107.50
Pro-Am Safety Inc. – annual air pack testing	\$ 1,052.12

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, 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
WordPress – annual domain subscription	\$ 120.72
PennCare – N95 masks	\$ 238.00
PennCare – disposable masks	\$ 598.00
PennCare – disposable masks	\$ 598.00
Everbridge – nixle annual renewal	\$ 3,300.00

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to adopt the General Fund Budget for the Township of Sewickley for the fiscal year 2021. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to enact Ordinance 3-2020, Stormwater Management and Land Disturbance for Sewickley Township. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to enact Ordinance 4-2020 establishing a speed limit of 25 mph on Pierce Road. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve Change Order No. 1 deducting \$12,012.00 from the original bid amount for Green Acres Contracting for the Dick Station Road Guiderail Replacement Project, Contract 4/2020. The total for this project is now \$69,803.00 and will be paid through the Turnback account. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to submit Gibson-Thomas' engineering invoice for the HW Good School Zone Signal Installations in the amount of \$912.75 to be paid by Sewickley Township's ARLE Grant with PennDOT. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve the Charles Sever Plan located on Pierce Road. This subdivides Lot 1 that has 6.60 acres containing several out buildings and a mobile home from the residual Parcel A containing 15.90 acres with an existing residence and a retail market. Public water and on-lot septic systems serve both lots. The property is zoned A-1. This plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve the Basista Farms Plan 2. This plan was approved at the October, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Sakal affirmed that no changes were made to the 8 acre subdivision that is located on Chopp Street. The plan was held up awaiting DEP approval for the sewage module that was received in a letter dated October 29, 2020. This plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to accept Jackie Kumpf's resignation as Assistant Secretary effective December 14, 2020. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to accept Rodger Holsing's resignation as Ordinance Officer effective December 14, 2020. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to advertise for the following positions, Township Manager and Ordinance Officer. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to advertise the Reorganization Meeting for the Board of Supervisors to be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held through teleconference. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to establish the regular monthly meeting location for the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors at the Sewickley Township Municipal Building, 2288 Mars Hill Road, Irwin PA 15642. The dates on which the Board of Supervisors shall meet will be the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm and to advertise the same in the Tribune Review in accordance with the Sunshine Law. January and February meetings in 2021 will be held through teleconference. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

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

General Fund:

Checks 11592 to 11603 - \$ 28,413.69 (11/18/20)

Checks 11604 to 11625 - \$ 10,363.39 (12/3/20)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 286.62 (11/25/20)

First Energy - \$ 62.74 (11/25/20)

First Energy - \$ 29.56 (11/25/20)

First Energy - \$ 10.21 (11/25/20)

Columbia Gas - \$ 102.20 (12/2/20)

S & T Loan - \$ 5,252.37 (12/15/20)

Crabapple:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 30.12 (11/25/20)

First Energy - \$ 27.79 (11/25/20)

First Energy - \$ 114.47 (12/8/20)

First Energy - \$ 95.43 (12/8/20)

Cred Card Machine - \$ 9.16 (12/10/20)

Payroll Invoices:

Checks 6366 to 6367 - \$ 2,495.21 (11/24/20)

Check 6362 - \$ 402.55 (11/16/20)

ACH Payments: Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,485.46 (11/20/20)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,388.10 (11/27/20)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 672.54 (12/3/20)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,354.24 (12/4/20)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,537.94 (12/11/20)

Recreation:

Checks 2897 to 2900 - \$ 478.87 (12/3/20)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (11/20/20)

MAWC - \$ 30.97 (11/20/20)

First Energy - \$ 344.11 (11/25/20)

First Energy - \$ 20.04 (11/25/20)

First Energy - \$ 16.10 (11/25//20)
Columbia Gas - \$ 109.37 (12/2/20)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,208.30 (12/3/20)
First Energy - \$ 599.55 (12/3/20)
First Energy - \$ 377.21 (12/3/20)

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

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

Employees Payroll: 11/27/20 - \$ 10,146.68
12/4/20 - \$ 9,926.76
12/11/20 - \$ 13,838.39
12/18/20 - \$ 9,672.34

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

New / Old Business

Regarding mandatory collection of residential trash, this is a reminder that Sewickley Township has the following Ordinance in place and a residential service contract with Waste Management.

Chapter 20 Section 105 & 109

§105. Standards and Regulations for Collection.

All households and homeowners shall utilize the services of the Licensed Collector as determined by the Board of Supervisors for disposal of their domestic waste or household waste.

§109. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part or Ordinance shall, upon being found liable in a summary offense proceeding, pay a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation, plus court costs and such other costs and expenses as permitted by law, or upon default in payment of such fine and costs, undergo imprisonment to the extent allowed by the law for punishment of summary offenses. In addition to the other powers set forth herein for violation, the Township of Sewickley may institute proceedings in courts of equity to compel the cessation of violation and, further, to collect all costs, charges and expenses incurred in the enforcement process.

Exemptions through Waste Management that will be allowed for a resident is if they fall under one of the three below reasons for exemption.

1. Place of Residence is unoccupied currently.
2. Location is vacant or set to be demolished.
3. Resident has commercial service by Waste Management at that resident location and a commercial account must be established.

The Township Building will be closed on Friday, December 25, 2020 and Friday, January 1, 2021.

The Township Building will close at Noon on Thursday, December 24, 2020 and Thursday, December 31, 2020.

Thank you again to Mark Petros and our Road Crew in trying to get our roads clear.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season

With no further business to come before the Board, Linda Harvey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Merdian. Voting: Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer