

Vice-Chairman, Brian Merdian, on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:00pm, called the Regular Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Monday, December 28, 2020. This meeting was held through Zoom. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Brian Merdian and Linda Harvey. Mark Petros was absent. Also attending the meeting were Donn Henderson, Tom Mignogna, Janet Schork, Solicitor Mark Hamilton, and Susan Leukhardt.

Brian Merdian led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Township Manager / Treasurer, Donn Henderson

| Account | Beginning Balance | Deposits / Interest | Transfers / Payments | Ending Balance |
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| JANUARY, 2021 | | | | |
| FNB General Fund | \$ 47,128.99 | \$ 80,299.56 | \$ 94,815.84 | \$ 32,612.71 |
| PLGIT General Fund | \$ 100,183.31 | \$ 23,134.21 | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 63,317.52 |
| FNB Reserve Account | \$ 109,050.99 | \$ 41,451.66 | \$ 43,957.00 | \$ 106,545.65 |
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Report from Public Works Director, Tom Mignogna

We are still sanitizing and disinfecting the offices, restrooms, and shop daily. This month's Safety Toolbox and video was on Working Safely with a snowplow. The berm along Railroad Street has been repaired where tire ruts were collecting water. When weather permits, we are still working our way through Pierce Road cutting back the trees. We also trimmed out the lane off Heplers Circle to allow our salt trucks access. There were 49 PA One Call requests to locate our stormwater drains. The whole crew has been doing a lot of equipment maintenance from greasing the tire chains to plow repair. Between storms, all the equipment needs to be pressure washed. It seems like we've been out every day the past few weeks taking care of the snow and ice. We've been taking deliveries of salt and antiskid to replenish our supply. At this time, every municipality is on the salt list. We get some of our order each week.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

- The Recreation Center is open and almost to full capacity. All is going well.

Fitness Classes:

- P90X classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am. Walk-ins are welcome. The cost is \$10 per class.

Recreation Activities:

- Easter Bunny Drive-Thru: We wanted to do something for the kids so they could spend part of the day not having to think about everything bad that is going on and to give them some normalcy in their lives. We might not be able to have our "Traditional" Easter Egg Hunt, but we have come up with a safe and creative alternative. On March 27th from noon to 1:30pm, we invite our Yough Area Residents to Crabapple Park for an Easter Bunny Drive-Thru. We will have the Easter Bunny waving and, along with our Recreation Committee Volunteers, handing out treat bags to children from infancy through age 12. Registration is REQUIRED so that we have enough treat bags for all. Register by calling my office at 724-835-1087 or via email to redirector@sewickleytownship.org

Crabapple Pool:

- We are in the process of working toward opening Crabapple Pool for the 2021 Season. I presented a plan to the Board for review and the motion to proceed is on the agenda.

Alan Fossi's Passing:

With the recent passing of Alan Fossi, I wanted to take a minute and honor his memory and service to our community ... specifically his impact on Sewickley Township Parks and Recreation. Alan was many things to me ... mentor, supervisor, friend. His skill as a businessman helped pull Crabapple Pool from closure to solvency in just a few years. With Alan's guidance and help, Crabapple Park became a beautiful respite from daily life with the addition of the butterfly garden and multiple flower gardens. His unselfish "Jump in the River" raised money for the "Town Square" and improvements at Crabapple Pool. Every Spring and all through the summer, you could find Alan weeding flower beds, planting flowers at the park and at the library, painting the main park sign. or helping us repaint the pool/park parking lot lines and arrows. In the Fall, Alan was hanging wreaths, greenery, bows, bulbs, and lights at Crabapple Park, Bruno Field, Recreation Center, Library, and the Town Square...Thanksgiving and Christmas were never more festive than when Alan finished his decorating. Alan was dedicated to the Recreation Committee ... whether it was helping to organize a dance at the Recreation Center, handing out prizes at the annual Easter Egg Hunt, or making floral bouquets for our Father/Daughter Dinner Dance, he was always willing to help. He believed deeply in giving back to the community. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting held on January 4, 2021 and the Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2021. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

No Public Comment on Agenda Items

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to disburse the 2020 EMS Tax Money equally between 6 entities being Herminie, Lowber, Rillton, and Hutchinson Fire Companies, Emergency Management, and Sewickley Township Ambulance Service. The total to be disbursed is \$ 101,073.96. Each entity is eligible to receive \$ 16,845.66. The funds will be kept in the EMS Tax Account until invoices / purchase orders are submitted and approved by the Board of Supervisors. 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:

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| Bearcom – monthly maintenance on portable radios | \$ 92.00 |
| Comcast – monthly EOC phone & internet | \$ 258.73 |
| Embroidery People – EMA work shirt | \$ 40.00 |

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 Herminie Volunteer Fire Department as follows:

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| Webb's Service Center – inspection / repairs to Rescue | \$ 2,216.04 |
| HC Global – down payment of new radios | \$ 6,000.00 |
| First National Bank – monthly payment for radios | \$ 363.63 |

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to adopt Resolution 14-2021 fixing the annual tax rate for General Township purposes and other purposes as the following: General Township Purposes as 11.25 mills; Fire Hydrants and Fire Hydrant Water Service as .25 mills; Light the Highways, Roads, and other Public Places in the Township as .75 mills; and Ambulance, Rescue, and other Emergency Services as 2 mills. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to enact Ordinance 2-2021 prohibiting hunting on Sewickley Township properties. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to enact Ordinance 3-2021 prohibiting hunting on Sewickley Township Park properties. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, authorizing the Township Solicitor to prepare and advertise Ordinance 4-2021 related to street closure requests for outdoor functions made by public and private businesses and organizations. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, approving Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$3,530.00 to Green Acres Contracting Co., Inc. for the Dick Station Road Guiderail Project, 4/2020. This will be paid from the Turnback Account. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, approving Change Order No. 2 revising the total contract amount to \$70,600.00 with Green Acres Contracting Co., Inc. for the Dick Station Road Guiderail Project, 4/2020. This was paid from 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 adopt Resolution 15-2021 appointing Donn Henderson as the confidential contact person between Sewickley Township and Berkheimer for the purpose of sharing confidential tax information for official purposes. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to enter into a Participation Agreement with DGS Costars for the purchase of salt for the 2021-2022 season. Estimated tonnage for the 2021-2022 purchase shall be 2,200 ton. We will be required to purchase a minimum of 60% to a maximum of 140% of the estimated tonnage. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, authorizing the Township Manager to review the annual road maintenance material bid proposals and proceed with advertising and bidding requirements per the Township Code. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to enter an agreement continuing the service of The Lawnfather for Township and Crabapple grass cutting for 2021 at the same prices as 2020. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to hire Mark Cypher as the part time Ordinance Officer. His rate of pay is \$800.00 per month plus \$100 court fee if necessary. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, approving the revised job description for the Operator/Road Crew Worker Position. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, authorizing the Township Manager to seek and approve a new electric provider for all West Penn Power accounts. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, authorizing the Recreation Staff to proceed with hiring and planning for opening of Crabapple Pool this summer. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, authorizing the Sewickley Township Recreation Committee use of Crabapple Park on Saturday, March 27, 2021 for their Easter Bunny Drive-Thru Event. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Petros, absent; Mr. Merdian, yes. Motion carried.

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

General Fund:

Checks 11697 to 11722 - \$ 43,716.57 (1/25/21)
Checks 11723 to 11744 - \$ 15,465.82 (2/4/21)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 368.88 (1/27/21)
First Energy - \$ 46.10 (1/27/21)
First Energy - \$ 39.38 (1/27/21)
First Energy - \$ 9.83 (1/27/21)
Columbia Gas - \$ 305.24 (2/3/21)
MAWC - \$ 62.79 (2/11/21)

Crabapple:

Check 4795 - \$ 177.95 (1/25/21)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 33.34 (1/27/21)
First Energy - \$ 19.85 (1/27/21)
First Energy - \$ 117.86 (2/8/21)
First Energy - \$ 98.10 (2/8/21)
Cred Card Machine - \$ 27.82 (2/10/21)

Payroll Invoices:

Checks 6371 to 6373 - \$ 4,060.14 (2/3/21)

Paychex - \$ 366.33 (1/21/21)
Paychex - \$ 374.22 (1/28/21)
Paychex - \$ 374.22 (2/4/21)
Paychex - \$ 300.00 (2/5/21)
Paychex - \$ 366.33 (2/11/21)

ACH Payments: Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,749.83 (1/22/21)
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,876.46 (1/29/21)
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,464.40 (2/5/21)
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,220.93 (2/12/21)

Recreation:

Checks 2907 to 2910 - \$ 1,253.70 (1/25/21)
Check 2911 - \$ 27.84 (2/4/21)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 152.80 (1/22/21)
MAWC - \$ 39.54 (1/22/21)
First Energy - \$ 377.53 (1/27/21)
First Energy - \$ 21.13 (1/27/21)
First Energy - \$ 16.79 (1/27/21)
Columbia Gas - \$ 482.75 (2/3/21)
MAWC - \$ 30.97 (2/17/21)

MAWC - \$ 90.86 (2/17/21)

Reserve:

Check 2025 - \$ 43,957.00 (1/7/21)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,241.43 (2/4/21)

First Energy - \$ 608.45 (2/4/21)

First Energy - \$ 382.79 (2/4/21)

Turnback:

Check 1038 - \$ 67,070.00 (2/4/21)

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

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

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| Employees Payroll: | 1/29/21 - \$ 10,307.77 |
| | 2/5/21 - \$ 12,008.85 |
| | 2/12/21 - \$ 10,934.76 |
| | 2/19/21 - \$ 12,200.85 |

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

General Public Comment

Linda Markle stated that a resident near Clopper Street piles his snow against the stop sign at Clopper Street. When it melts and refreezes, it becomes a major icing hazard for vehicles. Also, she has not received any correspondence from Solicitor Hamilton as of yet regarding her refund for a zoning variance.

Jay Stevens of Wineberry Ridge gave his timeline of statements made regarding a Gibson-Thomas Site Report. Mr. Stevens believes that Mr. Serakowski has not been told what he needs to fix. He listed other concerns regarding the yard drains and stormwater management.

New / Old Business

The Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom. The purpose of this hearing is to offer comment, if any, upon a request by Par Mar Oil Company for the Township to approve the transfer of a liquor license to 9 Highland Avenue, Herminie.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00pm.

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 7:30pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Township Secretary