

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, April 21, 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 Mark Petros, Brian Merdian, and Linda Harvey. Also attending the meeting were Donn Henderson, Tom Mignogna, Janet Schork, Solicitor Mark Hamilton, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Report from Township Manager / Treasurer, Donn Henderson

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
<b>MARCH, 2021</b>				
FNB General Fund	\$ 23,721.67	\$ 134,637.24	\$ 134,542.24	\$ 23,816.67
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 117,456.25	\$ 60,953.87	-0-	\$ 178,410.12
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 61,567.55	\$ 12.87	-0-	\$ 61,580.42

#### Report from Public Works Director, Tom Mignogna

We are still following the CDC guidelines. Disinfecting daily. This month's Safety Toolbox and Video was on Ditch Shoring & Trenching Safety. The PA One Call requests in the Township this month were 48. All the ballfields have been rolled including the baseball fields at the park, Bruno Field, and all the fields at Yough High School. We have been working at the park. The tractors, mowers, weed wackers, and blower have been gone over and we have been using them to mow the grass inside the pool fence and playground. A water line leak at the pavilion restrooms has been dug up and repaired. We ran power to the small pavilion and got the dusk to dawn lights working. The trash and doggy bags have been kept empty and there was a large pile of limbs and debris that we hauled away. The split rail fences at the entrance to the park and at Sewickley Avenue and Pike Street had the broken posts and rails replaced, along with a few picnic tables that had missing and rotten lumber. The water in the pool is being pumped out and the straw from the shallow end has been hauled away. This is the start to cleaning the liner. Replaced some flashing at the pool pavilion. Both restroom doors at the ballfield concession building needed work and LED bulbs were installed. All cracks in the block building have been sealed with a mortar caulking. All the burnt out bulbs at the Library have been replaced. We pulled ditches on Pierce Road, McGrogan Road, Derr Road, General Braddock Road. Sixth Street, Wineland Drive, and Meadow Street. We needed to go back and repair some places such as the outfall area on a cross pipe on Derr Road, back filled three (3) areas along General Braddock Road where it was washed out and filled the edge of the road along Sixth Street with rock and repairing the catch basin at Sixth and Eighth Streets. We extended a cross pipe on Country Lane on the outfall end, patched the road, cleaned the inlet side, and added some stone to support the roadway. Signage & potholes are still being taken care of on a regular basis along with when we get a call. While cleaning the ditches, we have been making a tree trimming list to be addressed. And this is the time of year that the mowing tractor needs to be out cutting back the right of ways which also needs to get under way.

#### Report from Ordinance Officer, Mark Cypher – given by Donn Henderson

10 Ordinance Violations  
 3 Notice of Violations  
 7 Monitoring Progress

**Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork****Recreation Center:**

- Except for a few morning and evening groups, the fall/winter season has concluded at the Recreation Center. It was a very good season as income was up and zero cases of COVID. Thank you to all our sports groups for following our gathering guidelines.

**Fitness Classes:**

- Fitness classes will continue through June. Step classes are held on Tuesday mornings and P90X classes are held on Thursday mornings. Both classes are from 9:30am to 10:30am.

**Recreation Activities:**

- Our Easter Bunny Drive-Thru held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Crabapple Park was a huge success. We had approximately 120 children attend. Thank you to Sally Turkovich aka The Easter Bunny and Herminie and Hutchinson Fire Companies and our Sewickley Township Ambulance service for handling traffic control into and out of the park. Also, thank you to our amazing Recreation Board: Tracy Hampshire, Carol Keller, Ann McWilliams, Ashley Sarver, Alex Schork, and Patty Vanyo.
- Also, thank you Jenn Worley from the Library who helped and handed out a library craft and treat to the children. Donn Henderson experienced his first big Township event and was a big help preparing the treat baskets and routing vehicles to the Easter Bunny... Thank you so much for your help!

**Crabapple Pool:**

- Crabapple Pool will be opening for the 2021 Season. We will be following CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines for outdoor pool facilities.
- We currently have six (6) lifeguards set to work at Crabapple. We also know of six (6) others that are in different phases of lifeguard certification. We have asked them to let us know when they are certified. We are hoping they call back and commit to employment at Crabapple.

**Donations:**

- Thank you to Tom Mignogna for installing electricity at the small pavilion at Crabapple Park. Tom spent his free time on a Saturday digging and installing wiring to hookup electricity at the small pavilion. We now have dusk to dawn security lights on the small pavilion. Thank you!
- Thank you to TNT Excavating for repairing the bridge at Crabapple Park. Tyler and Travis Luft were on site from 8:30am to 2:00pm. They dug out, set, and filled gabion baskets with rock. They also dug the ditch along the trail for water to travel instead of down the walkway. All work was done as a donation and we are very grateful for their time and equipment.
- Thank you to Matt Yarkovich for weeding the memorial and entrance sign at Crabapple Park.
- We appreciate the residents willingness to help in our community. And their help is greatly appreciated!

Mr. Henderson and Mrs. Schork added a thank you to the Road Crew for spreading almost a triaxle full of mulch at the playgrounds. They have been a tremendous help at the Recreation Center and Crabapple Park and Pool also.

**No Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2021. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to disburse 2020 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	\$ 259.00
Esri – ArcGIS annual license & maintenance	\$ 596.00

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to disburse 2020 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

First National Bank – monthly payment for radios	\$ 363.63
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Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to disburse 2020 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Hill International Trucks, LLC – repairs to engine no. 1	\$ 3,471.71
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Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to enact Ordinance 6-2021 establishing the operations criteria of volunteer fire companies within Sewickley Township. Board Comments: Mr. Merdian asked who will be in charge of enforcing this ordinance. Mr. Petros stated ultimately it would be the Supervisors. Solicitor Hamilton added that the Township Manager would be in communication with the fire companies with any issues that may arise. Solicitor Hamilton will draft any documents necessary. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve Resolution 18-2021 to apply for the Commonwealth Financing Authority Flood Mitigation Program grant in the amount of \$314,716.79 for the Turner Lane Streambank Stabilization Project. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to table Resolution 19-2021 authorizing Gibson-Thomas Engineering to submit a grant application for Crabapple Lake Park Improvements through the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried to table.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution 20-2021 approving the Joseph Eori Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development and the accompanying letter of transmittal. The Sewage Facilities Planning Module is for an eight (8) acre property on Chopp Street. This was approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Resolution 21-2021 authorizing the partial closure of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street off Sewickley Avenue in Herminie next to Zala's Café. Their events will be held on May 22, 2021 and June 12, 2021 from 6:00pm to 9:45pm. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; 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) Donn Henderson, Township Manager
  - (2) Mark Petros, Chairman
  - (3) Brian Merdian, Vice-Chairman
  - (4) Linda Harvey, Supervisor
  - (5) \*\* Tom Mignogna, Public Works Director
- Mr. Mignogna can be called first for road related matters such as wash outs, snow removal, downed trees, etc.

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to advertise in the Tribune Review a meeting of the Board of Supervisors on May 6, 2021 at 6:00pm. The purpose of this meeting is for planning and other business. Limited seating will be available due to Covid restrictions. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to make a conditional offer of employment to Patrick Stefanon as Park and Recreation Maintenance at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to make a conditional offer of employment to Harlyn Schomer as Park & Recreation Maintenance Assistant at the rate of \$10.50 per hour. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**General Fund:**

Checks 11795 to 11828 - \$ 45,287.38 (3/18/21)  
 Checks 11829 to 11851 - \$ 14,552.04 (3/30/21)  
 Checks 11852 to 11884 - \$ 37,616.13 (4/14/21)

MAWC - \$ 71.36 (4/5/21)  
 MAWC - \$ 247.98 (4/19/21)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 373.83 (3/26/21)  
 First Energy - \$ 41.98 (3/26/21)  
 First Energy - \$ 22.27 (3/26/21)  
 First Energy - \$ 7.57 (3/26/21)  
 S & T Loan - \$ 2,487.28 (3/31/21)  
 Columbia Gas - \$ 220.27 (4/5/21)

**Act 13:**

Check 1120 - \$ 2,065.56 (3/30/21)

**Crabapple:**

Checks 4800 to 4802 - \$ 207.92 (3/18/21)  
 Check 4803 - \$ 350.00 (3/30/21)  
 Checks 4804 to 4805 - \$ 178.71 (4/14/21)

MAWC - \$ 147.98 (4/19/21)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 86.03 (3/26/21)  
 First Energy - \$ 15.56 (3/26/21)  
 First Energy - \$ 114.59 (4/8/21)  
 First Energy - \$ 95.59 (4/8/21)  
 Cred Card Machine - \$ 9.16 (4/12/21)

**Liquid Fuels:**

Checks 531 to 532 - \$ 40,440.23 (4/14/21)

**Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:**

Paychex - \$ 374.22 (3/18/21)  
 Paychex - \$ 159.00 (3/22/21)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,637.24 (3/19/21)  
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,951.87 (3/26/21)

Paychex - \$ 374.22 (3/25/21)  
Paychex - \$ 374.22 (4/1/21)  
Paychex - \$ 387.22 (4/8/21)  
Paychex - \$ 300.00 (4/9/21)  
Paychex - \$ 382.10 (4/15/21)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,695.32 (4/2/21)  
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,047.19 (4/9/21)  
Payroll Liabilities - \$ 5,057.24 (4/16/21)

**Recreation:**

Checks 2916 to 2918 - \$ 497.25 (3/18/21)  
Checks 2919 to 2921 - \$ 583.38 (4/14/21)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 502.08 (3/26/21)  
First Energy - \$ 16.41 (3/26/21)  
First Energy - \$ 12.96 (3/26/21)  
Columbia Gas - \$ 363.71 (4/5/21)  
MAWC - \$ 48.11 (4/20/21)  
MAWC - \$ 123.90 (4/20/21)

**Street Light / Fire Hydrant:**

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,259.26 (4/5/21)  
First Energy - \$ 613.31 (4/5/21)  
First Energy - \$ 385.84 (4/5/21)  
MAWC - \$ 3,013.50 (4/15/21)

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:** 3/26/21 - \$ 10,686.41  
4/2/21 - \$ 9,932.22  
4/9/21 - \$ 11,665.51  
4/16/21 - \$ 15,999.60  
4/23/21 - \$10,320.03

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

**General Public Comment**

Margaret Sensui asked the status of getting bids on the cleanup of the junk yards on Limerick Road. Mr. Henderson stated that the Township has to make sure the inventory list is up to date and then we will begin receiving bids on the removal of the items. Ms. Sensui stated there is a fourth location now.

Linda Markle stated that Mullaert's is junking up again. This needs to be addressed. He is not allowed to have all the junk cars.

**New / Old Business**

The Board of Supervisors are looking for any persons interested in serving on the Sutersville-Sewickley Municipal Sewage Authority. Please send letters of interest to the Sewickley Township Municipal Building for consideration.

**Sewickley Township Public Service Announcement on Stormwater – given by Donn Henderson**

- Do NOT discard grass clippings, used oil, paints, solvents, pet wastes or other wastes into the storm drains, onto the street or into streams or other waterways.

- Clean up after your pet. Don't let pet wastes get washed into the street or down the storm drain.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Mr. Merdian announced that the Township has been awarded a \$158,000 grant to convert the old tennis courts into new basketball courts and batting cages. Thank you to Representative Davanzo for his efforts in getting it passed and Mike and Rita Aujay who invested a lot of time also.

He then went back to the passing of Ordinance 6-2021 earlier. There have been a lot of unfortunate issues that have transpired out in the field between our fire companies. At times, they are not working together. The public needs to know that we have spent a lot of time talking about how to resolve this problem. We hired a consultant to come in and evaluate the four (4) departments in our community. It is time to do something about the problems we are having. We need to take significant action by voting on Resolution 17-2021 suspending Rillton Fire Department for sixty (60) days. Brian Merdian made the motion with no second.

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. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt  
Township Secretary